The rise of Christians with influence

he God

G2 with European weather



The British obsession with fetishism



Society

Victims of violence: breaking the rules of mourning

Clinton surges to victory



President Clinton celebrates as the votes pile-up to secure him a second term

Dole saved from humiliation by strong support in South

Clinton was last night heading back to the and into his-Democrat to win re-election in

behavior in whi reflection in the post-war era.

But although early exit polls gave Mr Clinton a comfortable majority in the electoral college, he was falling just short of his desired moral randers of helf or mora of the mandate of half or more of the popular vote — with 49 per cent to Republican Bob Dole's

42 per cent.

The exit polls also suggested that he will once again gested that he will once again face a Congress with a nar-row but hostile Republican majority in both House and

Mr Clinton was winning with a huge 26-point lead in California and easily in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Illinois, and was ahead in the battle-ground state of Florida. But Mr Dole was comfortably holding the Republican strongholds of the South and by 10 points on morning pollwhich show ed an unusually heavy male vote.

A spirited Republican Rock. Aides danced the recovery in the South, and the strenuous Get Out The macarena in the sisles. Mr Vote efforts on its behalf by the Christian Coalition, ap-peared to have forestalled a Clinton landslide in the popu-lar vote and saved his exhausted Republican opponent from humiliation. According to the early exit

polls. Mr Dole appeared likely to carry at least 12 states, a far better performance than the wipeouts inflicted on the Democrats in the last landslide elections of 1972 and

The third party candidate, Ross Perot, appeared to be getting close to 10 per cent of have the long, detailed ballot



vote, less than his 19 per form explained to him before cent in 1992 but far more than the opinion polls had sugdonning his spectacles and voting for himself and dozens of local candidates.

Lacking any home in Little Rock, the First Family then retreated to the Excelsior Hotel's presidential suite to watch the election returns. Parties in the city started long before any results were Despite gloomy predictions of a low turnout by a bored electorate, there were long in, the biggest on the steps of the Old State House, where queues at the polling stations on the east coast yesterday morning. Nationwide good Mr Clinton claimed his vic-

tory four years ago. Mr Dole hauled his weary weather also promised a strong turnout.

73-year-old body across the finish line in his home town President Clinton's plane as of Russell, Kansas, where he he made the last flight of his voted, after a last stop at the grave of President Harry Tru-man, who defied the polls to snatch an upset victory in

Calling himself "the marathon man" after his last nonstop 96 hours of campaigning, Mr Dole could hardly have

done more. The expected Republican retention of the Congress, albeit with a reduced majority, threatens major upheavals in each party. Many Republi-

paigns which labelled them failure to regain Congress on Mr Clinton's coat-tails and against someone as contro-versial as Newt Gingrich, the crats ever have such favour-able circumstances again.

This was the first presider tial election since 1928 with America both at peace worldwide and enjoying genuine prosperity at home. The rare combination was the key to Mr Clinton's re-election strategy, despite the concern of many voters with his character, his ethics and the latest flood of fundraising scandals involving Indonesians, Iraqi-Americans and a dubious

Russian businessman. These problems presage difficult second term, which could be made more difficult by the growing signs that the five-year economic recovery is drawing to an end, and that slower growth, if not fullblown recession, is in view.

As well as the presidency, all 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 34 US Senate seats were being decided yesterday, along with individual states.

The nearest the constituthe ballot initiatives range from legalising marijuana for medical purposes to the controversial proposition 209 in California, which would outlaw affirmative action for ethnic minorities.

Mr Dole supported the ini-tiative and Mr Clinton opposed it, and its opponents used television ads featuring the former US Nazi party credit one of the election's most contentious issues.

Comeback Kid, page 3 cans blame the strident Comeback Kid, page 3
House Speaker, Newt Ging-

New head expels 12

Crackdown by new Ridings team sees 23 more pupils suspended

Martin Walnwright

WELVE disruptive pu-pils were expelled last night from the troubled Ridings school in Halifax and a further 23 suspended under an immediate crait down on discipline by the new head and management team.
The decisions are expected

to go to appeal but Calder-dule's Labour council aig-nailed firm support for the action, saying: "The new head. Peter Clark, was ap-pointed to give a strong leadership and this is an example of what that will mean."

The suspended pupils will be barred from school for between five and 13 days. Parents have been contacted action, crippling the new Parents have been contacted action, diplands on the hydrogen or in some cases by telephone or in some cases regime immediately, evaporated after the news of the morning.

The Ridings reopens today Mr Clark and Nigel decreases the contacted action and a meeting between Mr Clark and Nigel decreases.

The Ridings reopens today after a five-day emergency closure, an hour before an Ofsted report is expected to describe it as a "failing" school. This will trigger a deadline for action by staff,

governors and Calderdale's Labour-controlled education authority to restore disci-pline and effective teaching for the 600 pupils. Failure would see either final closure or the sending of a Depart ment for Education "bit squad" to take over the school's administration.

school's administration.

The exclusions — of pupils involved in highly-publicised disruption before last week's closure — followed a meeting between Mr Clark, seconded from a local grant-maintained school, and teacher members of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers who had threatened to strike if troublemakers were not removed.

The threat of industrial

Gruchy, the General Secre-tary of the NASUWT. Mr de Gruchy said that meetings with Mr Clark and Calderdale education staff, in-

cluding director Ian Jennings

and education chairman Mike
Higgins, had been useful and
left him optimistic about the
school re-opening smoothly
today. Preventing the strike
had hinged on assurances of
exclusion and discipline of
"unteachable" children,
whose strikes led the Ofsted whose antics led the Ofsted team to telephone a warning to London that the school was teetering on the edge of loss of

The Ridings was closed abruptly by Calderdale last Thursday after a male teacher was bombarded with books and a young woman supply teacher was fondled. Governors of the Ridings received copies of the Ofsted report yesterday and began preparing their reaction. Cal-derdate council will also respond at a press conference co-inciding with one in London called by the Education Secre-

tary, Gillian Shephard.
The report is expected to criticise the departed head-teacher, Karen Stansfield, for failing to establish effective management. She says staff formed oppositing factions after the school was created from two rival schools.

Riding out the storm, 02

Bhutto under 'house arrest' as she faces corruption trial

PAKISTAN'S Benazir Bhutto, a virtual prisoner in her prime ministerial resi-dence, faces the prospect of being called before a tribunal to answer corruption charges after she and her government were summarily dismissed esterday by the president. In his dissolution decree,

President Farcoq Leghari who is known to want an insependent public prosecutor to pursue corruption cases among officialdom — accused her government of plundering Pakistan's finances.

Ms Bhutto's husband and investment minister, Asif Ali

Zardari, who had become the most visible symbol of the corruption allegations that finally destroyed her government, was reported to have been arrested. About 20 other political associates were also believed to be in detention.

Ms Bhutto's telephone was cut off less than an hour after she learned of her dismissal early yesterday, but she was allowed a visit last night by a handful of stalwarts from her Pakistan People's Party. A caretaker regime

sworn in yesterday under Meraj Khalid as acting prime minister. He promised elec-tions by February 3.

Ms Bhutto's dismissal was greeted with enthusiasm by and supporters of the main opposition Muslim League. "The people of Pakistan are fed up with the policies of this gov-ernment. There was economic Vidal, Environment

collapse and the country was on the verge of bankruptcy," the Muslim League leader, Nawaz Sharif, said. (right) The ousted law minister, Raza Rabbani, filed a court petition challenging the effective custody of Ms Bhutto, and said he would also challenge the govern-ment's dismissal in the su-

preme court. The former cricketer Imran Khan, who had earlier called for the installation of a government of technocrats for two years, and has his own political ambitions, welcomed Ms Bhutto's fall. "The decision to dismiss the government was absolutely correct because the government had failed com-pletely," he said in Labore.

The Guardian scooped the top

ed. Many of the last block

of 5 to 10 per cent of unde

cided voters appear to have made a last-minute decision

to cast an essentially protest vote for the Texan billionaire.

last campaign back to Little Rock. Aides danced the

Clinton raised a toest to his

secret service escorts. Hillary Clinton, who neither drank

nor danced, promised to per-form the macarena when the

Mr Clinton cast his vote in Little Rock, joining the thou-sands of Arkansans who con-

founded the predictions of

low turnout to queue round the block at the city's polling

stations. He staged his politi-cal homecoming at Polling Station 476E at Union Station.

election results were in.

three awards in the **British Environ**ment and Media Awards last night newspaper of the year, campaign of the year and scoop of the year. John

Editor, won the scoop of the year

for his reports on the Newbury bypass. Campaign of the year was awarded for the Ken Saro-Wiwa coverage. "shaming the rest

of the media for their lack of response". wt, page 8;

Are you paying too much for your life assurance?

other types of insurance should be periodically reviewed to ensure that it still provides adequate cover and

The first 2 months' premiums refunded!

s competitively priced. There are many Banks, Building Societies, and Insurance Companies offering to arrange for you their own company's

At Direct Life & Pension Services we are Independent Financial Advisers. This means we don't supply just one company's policies but are able to access many companies

This in turn means that the illustrations we obtain are amongst the most competitive available, every time we quote. Consider the illustrations below, obtained recently for a 20 year, £100,000 level term assurance for a married couple.

Quotes assume a male & female in good health, joint life, first death, both aged 45 next birthday and both non-smokers. Nationwide Life Nat West Life 82,36 Barclays Life 86.00 Midland Life 86.47 Halifax Life 87.74 Black Horse Life 101.68 We can arrange this cover for 53.30

For applications received before the end of 1996 we are refunding the first two months premiums*. So if you are interested in a life assurance, decreasing term mortgage protection) or critical illness illusuration and would

like independent advice call us at local rates on

0345 419410 direct

Inside

The Gorgenment is cracking down on television violence to half what it seeds as the breakdown in respect for the law among young people World News

Septiments

January Olders

January Commissions

Ja

Policie Gianville Skipper of Bath, supper a hank
was the suppres
Enouses succeed
Will Confusions
capitall of Englands
augusy milan side Comment and I Obligation 10 rd 15; Weather 16; Radio 16; TV 16

Sport

Sketch

President's medical team expresses relief and optimism after seven-hour heart bypass operation

The wacky world Yeltsin faces critical week of Silly Statistics



regarded the late John Smith,

though I can't remember John Smith saying the same about

him. Smith was put in mind of the old doggerel about the

man who wasn't there. "He

how I wish he'd go away. The dislike was especially intense at Prime Minister's

wasn't there again today, oh

Question Time yesterday, pos sibly because both sides were

exchanging meaningless sta-tistics. But first, the lovely Dawn Primarolo (Lab. Bristol South), heroine of the great

Four Seasons hit Dawn, Go Away I'm No Good For You insisted that the average family living in council accommo

dation were 3 per cent worse

off than since, well, since they were 3 per cent better off than

The Prime Minister replied

with a list of Labour councils

where council tax rates were especially high for Band D.

is that Labour councils used to

class areas (they are every-where now) and, since they need to raise the same amount

as Conservative councils, they have to hit the middle

It's all perfectly straight-forward, but in the wacky

world of Silly Statistics, it

Review

Martin Kettle

Don Giovanni

Royal Opera House

always fill the seats at Covent

their last showings before the

least two years next summer.

First John Capley's La Bohème came and (presumably)

went after 25 years of loyal service. Then Richard Jones's

Ring cycle closed on Saturday after what is almost certainly

the last appearance of its short and troubled existence. And now it is the turn of

Johannes Schaaf's dark and

gloomy production of Don Giovanni to take what must

surely be its final curtain,

with a dozen performances

On paper, the cast for the first half of the run looks like a

roll-call of those who have revived British Mozart sing-

ing over the last two decades—the exceptions being an in-

Masetto, matched by the

Zerlina.

over the coming month.

Royal Opera House closes for at

Garden are being dusted off and presented for probably

NE BY ONE, the bankable productions of the basic operas which will

looks like a dreadful condem

classes harder.

be found in largely working-

20.000 more senior managers and 50,000 fewer nurses em-ployed. Mr Major asked if he thought a service that spent £720 per man, woman and child in the country shouldn' Simon Hoggart be properly managed.
"The NHS is something this E WERE told this week that John Major and Tony Blair feel a deep animus towards each country should be proud of, not something to be used as a political football!" (I love that cliche. I await the first MP to other. The Prime Minister often says how highly he

say that Paul Gascolgne's pri-vate life should not be used as a political football.) Mr Blair said that the British people were proud of the NHS, but not what the Government had done to it.

And so on. Both sides are wrong, as always. Those of us whose family income depends in part on the NHS know that It is falling to pieces, especially for people suffering from non-lethal complaints. and is held together by the hard work and goodwill of the people who work there. But Mr Major can't say that. On the other hand, people now, quite reasonably, expect to be cured of conditions that would have killed them a decade ago This costs a lot of money, but

Tony Blair can't say that. Then Mr Major spoke about railway privatisation. "The reality is that there is now new rolling stock, the service is being improved. Unlike the Prime Minister I

frequently travel on a priva-tised railway, and I'd say the service is ever so slightly worse. But, as so often at Prime Minister's Question Time, the statistics are en-

tirely at odds with reality. The final figures came at the end, when the Torles' Ian

nation of Labour misrule. Mr Blair asked about the crisis in the National Health Service. Mr Major said spending was going up in real terms. Mr Blair watched him with Question Time consumes pursed lips (or possibly be was

One more time,

without gusto

David Hearst in Mescow

swirling round some saliva for a really good gobbing, though if he did, I missed it). The Labour leader replied OCTORS last night began a crit-ical week-long vigil which will hat the extra money was going into administration, with reveal whether Boris Yeltsin can recover bypass operation and resume presidential duties at the

Looking drained, but relieved, Renat Akchurin, the surgeon who led the medical team, said yesterday's opera-tion was a success. After grafting a number of veins on to the arteries around the

were that the heart was get-ting enough blood to function

"Now the very important stage of post-operative treatment is starting. We usually speak about a forecast on the fifth or sixth day after the op-eration." Prof Akchurin said. "I was trying to forget that it was the president of Russia and think this is an ordinary

Mr Yeltsin, aged 65, regained consciousness at 18.45 Moscow time, clearing one of the hurdles on his path to recovery. His doctors. helped by specialists from Germany, will have a clearer

Tony Rickard, a cardiologist at London's Royal Brompton Hospital, said: "There are a number of key milestones President Yeltsin has got to pass. He has passed one of them — and that is that his own heart has taken over from the artificial heart that was used during the

operation."
The mood last night among international consultants who had been invited to advise the Russian team was op-timistic. Michael DeBakey, the pioneering American heart surgeon, said the opera-

able to return to his office and zarry out his duties in normal

" he said. Mr DeBakey and a team of three American specialists had spent four hours observng the operation on monitors in a room near the operating theatre at the Cardiology Research Centre in Moscow.

Yevgeny Chazov, who kept three Soviet leaders alive in the 1970s and 1980s, said: "The operation went better than I expected." Re said Mr Yeltsin's heart had been stopped grafted veins around the

ventilation is turned off this | "President Yeltsin will be | perts said the greater than ex- | din, and was looking forward pected number of bypasses performed on Mr Yeltsin showed his heart was more badly diseased than previ-ously thought. "If you say address read out by his press

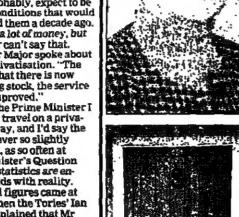
you're going to do three or more, you've found mor problems than you expected,' said John Wright, head of car diac services at the London Chest Hospital.
It all started in tight se-

crecy early yesterday when Russia woke up to the news that Mr Yeltsin had formally of a another decree. But only handed over all his powers, including control of the numinister, Viktor Chernomyr-

to the operation with humour Mr Yeltsin said in an

secretary, Sergei Yastrz-hembsky: "Not for a minute will the country be without a eader with full powers."
All attention will focus on how long Mr Yeltsin leaves power in Mr Chernomyrdin's ferred to his prime minister will be resumed by the signing





Bruce complained that Mr Blair had used fully 342 words to put his questions last Tues-day, and another 390 words on Thursday. Would the Speaker cut him off?

I found some statistics of my own. Each Prime Minister's around 1,600 precious words. Almost every one is wasted.

careers in London and then

houses of the world.

gone out to conquer the opera

And yet this is ultimately a

disappointing Don Glovanni, partly because Schaaf's pro-duction never had much to say

about it. But what it did have has now mostly gone, in a

slack and often confused

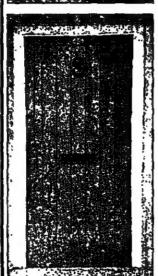
revival by Patrick Young in

which the sombre and mas-

rassment than enlighten-

sive sets provide more embar-







ment. For such a major piece to become so inert is a serious Partly, too, it is the fault of the Austrian conductor, Dietfried Bernet, who gives a Ger manic interpretation of the old style, too slow and grand for today's audiences. Too than soared at these speeds, and ensemble was too often

But the general atmosphere of anti-climax also owes a sur-prising amount to the casting. singers, great artists and admirable figures. But this is unmistakably a bit of a nostal gia trip. It's a thank you for the achievements of the past rather than a fresh performance for today.

sacrificed.

teresting debut by the Icelan-dic bass, Tomas Tomasson as Having sald that, many will thrill once again to Allen's Giovanni, delight in Kenny's heartfelt Donna Anna, admire excellent Alison Hagley as With names like Yvonne Kenny, Felicity Lott, Anthony Rolfe Johnson and, above all, Lon's assured Elvira and be struck afresh by Rolfe John-Thomas Allen, this series of son's Don Ottavio. This review appeared in later editions yesterday. performances is a homage to a generation who have built



Patricia Harman (top) was 'an unwitting victim' over whether her old front door, similar to her neighbour's (centre) could be replaced by the plastic door (main picture). The case was brought by Anthony Streeten (bottom) MAIN PHOTOGRAPH: DOUG MARKE

Judge rules that looks are the key to plastic door in town designated conservation area

Sarah Boseley

T MAY never have that classy, weather-battered look of ancient oak, or resound with a satisfying dull thad to a visitor's knock, but the might of the High Court in London yesterday defended the right of a Derbyshire housewife to have a plastic front door in rvation area.

It cost the losers, English Heritage, £10,000 and the Secretary of State for the Environment an amount the lawyers called "sub-stantially less" to thrash out over a day in court the merits of the door of num-

ber 43, St John's Street in Wirksworth, near Matlock. But English Heritage defended its decision to bring the case, which it claimed regulations. The portal in question is made of UPVC and has a fetching dark brown wood-grained surface. It was installed by Patricia Harman, who lives behind it, two years ago. Unfortunately, said the town planners, backed by English Heritage, it just

would not do.

Her house is one of 400—
virtually the whole town of Wirksworth — designated a special conservation area. The original doors of the three-storey terraced Geor-gian townhouses in the street were made of six planks or panels of wood. Mrs Barman's door has four plastic panels — not to mention a fanlight.

Wirksworth has been lovingly nurtured by conservationists for more than 20 years, but of late they have been distressed by the amount of what they consider ugly modern alter-

ations. The local authorities, with the approval of the Secretary of State, made an Article 4 direction in 1992, which means that changes to doors, windows and assorted other bits must get planning

Mrs Harman did not apply, but somebody told the council she had a new door. She was forced to apply retrospectively, and the town council turned her down. She appealed, and won her case in front of a planning inspector. Yesterday's action by English Heritage was a judicial review of the inspector's decision to leave the door.

After a wander down Mrs Harman's road, the inspec-tor, a Mr Whitehouse, stated: "It is not obvious in my view that it is made of closely at the finish".

Giving judgment in the High Court, Deputy Judge Moriarty, said the inspector was right to base his decision on the aesthetics of the door in its present context, and not on any prece-dent that might be set by allowing a slab of UPVC at

Anthony Streeten, head of English Heritage's East Midlands Conservation, said: "We felt we had a duty to seek judicial review in order to uphold a principle of wider public interest.

"We are disappointed that the inspector's decision has been upheld and are sorry for the distress caused to Mrs Harman as the unwitting victim in the legal case." The body's intention was to "reinforce the importance of traditional details" and protect public money and commu-

Oxford dons reject £20m 'blood money' donation

John Carvel Education Editor

XFORD University's ambitious fundraising plans were thrown into confusion last night when 1,000 excited dons decided that a patch of grass on a city-centre sports field mattered more to their academic honour than a £20 million donation for a new international business school.

They threw out proposals from the university authori-ties to build a world-class

developed in perpetuity.

By doing so they were in affect rejecting a £20 million benefaction from Wafic Said.

the Middle Eastern financier whose advice helped Britain elinch the multi-million-pound al-Yamamah arms deal with Saudi Arabia.

Mr Said offered the money on condition that it would be

used to establish a prestigious management studies depart-ment on the two-acre site on Mansfield Road in the centre

business school on land acquired 30 years ago on condition that it would remain union that it would remain union and loss of about half the university playing area. After two hours of heated debate, the congregation (par-

liament of dons) rejected the deal by 259 votes to 214. A spokeswoman said the uni-versity authorities remained fully committed to the project and the Hebdomadal Council (an inner cabinet of senior academics) will decide next week whether to put it to a postal ballot of 3,200 dons and enior administrators.

It seemed almost certain

other benefactors that Oxford is not interested in their money. During the debate it was revealed that another backer was pledging a further huge donation if the sports

ground site was chosen.
The dons, in ceremonial gowns, ran a gauntlet of pro-testers on their way into the Sheidonian theatre. Banners included slogans warning Mr Said: "We don't want your bloody money" and "Sports fields not killing fields".

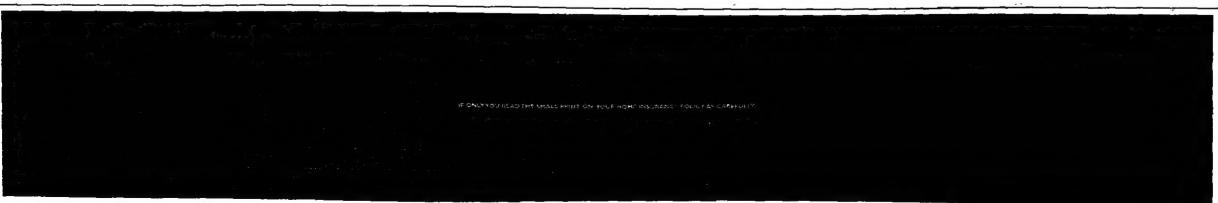
versity College ancient his-tory don who led the No campaign, said he was trying to defend the values inherited from the past. "This plan was developed in the strictest secrecy. Those behind the scheme crept into the city in scheme crept into the city in the dead of night so that when dawn breaks the banner was already hoisted over our green land. We are losing a playing field in return for a hig city building."

Mr Said said he would reconsider his offer in the light of vesterday's vote. "It

light of yesterday's vote. "It

mitment to developing a world-class business school.
In the light of this, I shall obviously need to consider my benefaction. I shall consult with the vice-chancellors and my fellow trustees and reflect carefully before reaching a decision," he said.

 Cambridge University has been warned that it may lose funding from cancer research organisations after its declsion to take £1.6 million from British American Tobacco to fund a chair in international



Dig your home contents policy out of the drawer, make yourself comfortable and have a good read. You might find your cover just a little bit limited.

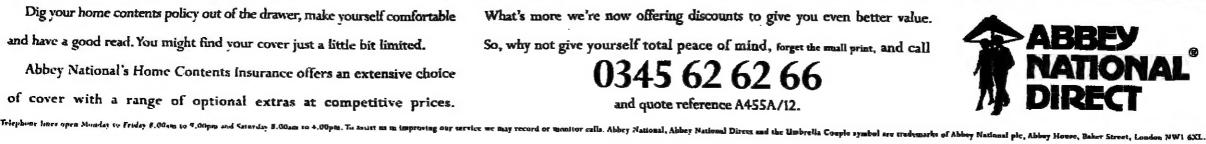
Abbey National's Home Contents Insurance offers an extensive choice of cover with a range of optional extras at competitive prices.

What's more we're now offering discounts to give you even better value.

So, why not give yourself total peace of mind, forget the small print, and call

0345 62 62 66

and quote reference A455A/12.





Comeback Kid rides again

A flawed but charismatic president has built on his luck

ILL CLINTON'S dows him with historic stature. the first Democratic president to win a second term since Franklin D Roosevelt 60 years ago. His recovery, deemed almost impossible for most of the first three years of his often chaotic presidency, has been the ultimate revenge of the Comeback bid on those the Comeback Kid on those Clinton's quixotic campaign. who always write him off too Tired and sometimes dis-

Clinton came to the White House by a series of accidents point of public nausea in and strokes of luck, and at least four years before he was pared to believe that the votseriously ready. He decided to ers could ditch him for a run in 1992, knowing the tra-ditional rule that the voters Bush's campaign was dispircandidate before entrusting

him with the highest office. It was Hillary Rodham Clinton, one of the most formidable, ambitious and politically astute of political wives, who urged him most strongly to run in 1991. President George Bush might be basking in Gulf war approval ratings of almost 90 per cent, but the economy was in recession — it had to be a year for Democrats to do better than expected. To make a strong howing would position Clin-

ton perfectly for 2000. Then everything fell into place for him when the fa-voured candidates — Governor Mario Cuomo of New York, Senator Al Gore, and Congressman Dick Gephardt — all decided to duck the 1992 race. Clinton became the unexpected front runner in a singularly undistinguished field. Had there been a halfway decent Democratic alternative in February 1992. when the Clinton campaign crumbled under the twin embarrassments of Gennifer persuaded by the chairman of Flowers and his record of the Federal Reserve, Alan

13

avoiding the Vietnam draft, his ambition would have stopped in the New Hampshire primary. Clinton won the Democratic nomination almost by default.

Then came the second stroke of luck, the intervention of the Texan billionaire Ross Perot, with his pathological loathing of Bush and his bottomless moneybags, spending lavishly to attack the president's unimpressive economic stewardship. Bush himself provided the

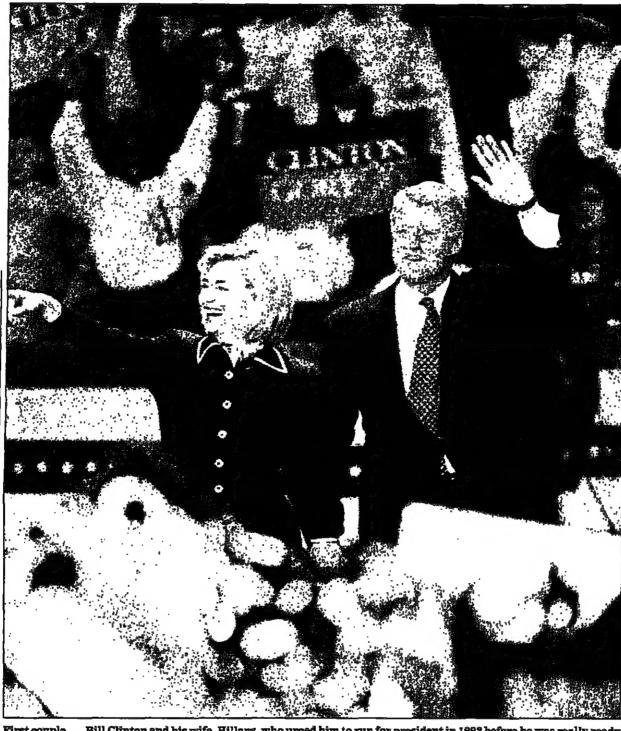
final unexpected boost to oriented by his Halcyon sleep ing pills, jetlagged to the

Clinton, by contrast, was elected on a wave of enthusi asm by Democrats thrilled at the prospect of regaining power, and quite prepared to swallow their doubts about the determined centrism of his politics.

Catapulted into the most powerful job in the world with a mandate of just 43 per cent of the vote, Clinton was an innocent in Washington with a thin talent pool among Democrats who had been excluded from government ex-perience for 20 of the previ-

ous 24 years. Moreover, he inherited from Bush an economy that was only just emerging from a tough recession. But this gave Clinton the opportunity to stamp his presidency with the most portentous decision

of all. Two weeks before his inauguration, he reluctantly agreed to drop the bulk of the Keynesian proposals to stimulate the economy on which he had been elected. He had been



First couple \dots Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, who urged him to run for president in 1992 before he was really ready

Greenspan, to follow the path of economic orthodoxy. Greenspan assured him at their first long and crucial meeting that a stern application of fiscal discipline to cut the budget deficit would be rewarded by the Wall Street bond markets with lower in-

That in itself would be all the stimulus that would be needed, producing a virtuous circle in which lower interest rates would stimulate more investment and more con-

Lucky in the timing of the countries to join the Euro-economic cycle, Clinton built pean monetary system.

In his luck with that decision, benefiting from the steady and sustained eco-other is the distance the US became the world's leading other is the distance the US. nomic growth that produced 10.8 million new jobs during his presidency — and paved the way for his re-election.

The budget deficit of \$290 billion of his first year fell to \$107 billion in 1996. Combined with lower inflation and low interest rates, Clinton's stewardship produced a US economy that would meet the stringent Maastricht targets | mits, which in the 1980s had | was eroding fast. Clinton, in | a nuclear test ban treaty.

has come from the economic doldrums of 1991, when Clinton's Democratic rival Paul Tsongas had coined the slo-gan "The cold war is over and Japan won". Between 1991 and 1996, the depressed Japanese economy barely grew at all. The US economy had grown by nearly 20 per cent. The G7 economic sum-

Clinton presidency.
In historical terms, the most important feature of Clinton's first term has been to exploit the international-isation of the economy with a strategic pursuit of global free trade. In the wake of the cold war, the US foreign policy consensus that it should lead a global military coalition

effect, replaced this with a He brought univery to the new consensus, that it should politics of Washington, aslead a global commercial coalition of free trading

In defiance of his own Democratic leadership in Con-gress, he worked with the gress, he worked with the Republicans to pass the North American Free Trade Agreement and the GATT world trade pact. He launched the first Pacific Rim economic summits, securing a regional free trade pledge to be phased in over 15 years, and then convened a Summit of the Americas to extend a similar Americas to extend a similar hemisphere free trade. This became the Clinton Doctrine, the most strategic for which Clinton took in the barrier of the barrier of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of the saving of Clinton took in the saving of Clinton

There were other measures by which Clinton claimed re-election, although they had little to do with him. The demographic changes that saw a decline in the number of teenagers helped account for a 30 per cent drop in violent crime in the cities.

This went almost unrecognised by an American media that was intent on barking up the trail of Whitewater, and whose image of Clinton had been formed partly by the scandals of his candidacy, and partly by the grievous missteps of his first. mbling year in office.

foolish nomina-tions to cabinet posts, a \$200 hair-Angeles runway, and a starstruck delight in consorting with Hollywood—were his own fault. Rather more were the Bush inheritance of foreign policy predic-aments around the globe, the federal government would from Somalia to Bosnia to

The key change came with the retirements of Clinton's accident-prone first defence most over-estimated man in American public life. General Colin Powell. He had taken to the brink of insubordination his opposition to Clinton's campaign pledge to end discrimination against gays in the military, imposing a gratuitous political defeat on his new president.

Once Aspin and Powell had been replaced, the cold war between Pentagon and White House eased. Troops were de-ployed to restore a kind of democracy to Haiti and to help impose a kind of peace in

As he learned his business Clinton scored some serious Clinton scored some serious achievements, from securing the withdrawal of Russian would finally justify the troops from the Baltic states and persuading Ukraine and Kazakhstan to give up their nuclear arsenals to achieving

suming that the Democrats in Congress would be loyal and the Republicans open to persussion that his main prom ises of health and welfare reform were "neither liberal

Congress for the first time in

ton. They over-reached, lured by their own rhetoric. They twice refused to vote essential funds and closed down the business of the federal gov-ernment. The Republicans tried to blackmail the president into signing their draco-nian budget. Instead, they liberated him. Clinton stood forth as the only man who could stop them savaging the budget for education and the

The Democrats had nowhere else to turn but to their president, even when he began distancing himself from them to show that he could work and pass legislation with the chastened Republican Congress. The minimum wage was raised those with health insurance in the last resort take care of impoverished mothers and "to end welfare as know it" but not so brutally.

In the end, Clinton could claim to have governed as he had promised on the 1992 campaign trail. He had been a centrist and a moderniser. He had pushed his country into an enthusiastic embrace of the global economy.

The first four years had been economically orthodox sible, like the administration of a liberal Republican president. The rich and the upper middle class had done well from the Clinton boom. But they had not voted for him.

In the second term, the challenge would be to deliver the education and job trainhopes of the people who had voted this flawed but still charismatic first president of the babyboom generation into



Bombed city's grand design

David Ward on the winning scheme for the new-look centre of Manchester

HE bombed-out cen-tre of Manchester will be rebuilt ac-cording to a master plan which attempts to honour God and mammon while improving life for traffic-weary

EDAW, a London-based urban design group, was named yesterday as the winner of an international competition launched after the city was devastated by a 3,300lb IRA

devise on June 15.

The group and its partners want to reshape and reclad the hated Arndale Centre, open up a walking route from the 18th century parish church of St Ann to the 15th century cathedral, passing a huge new Marks & Spencer store. They also plan to turn two medieval pubs through two medieval pubs through 180 degrees and move them ten yards west.

After announcing the unanimous verdict of the competi-tion jury. Richard Leese, who became leader of Manchester city council weeks before the bomb went off, said the EDAW scheme would provide "a powerful and distinct image for the name of the nam image for the new city

The judges want to include in the final scheme proposals suggested by the Building Design Partnership, the competition's runner-up, for improving the banks of the River I rwell near the

Lee Shostak, EDAW's man-aging director, said: "I am very conscious that we are here today because of a hor-rible act of terrorism."

After receiving his win-ner's gold medal, he added: This is the easy bit. The hard bit is still to come. Let's get on with it." Sir Alan Cockshaw, chair-

man of the task force set up after the bombing, said the reconstructed city would demonstrate the futility of terrorism: "We want to create the very best city centre in the whole of Europe, fit for the 21st century and one which the people of Manches

ter can be very proud of."

Work should begin early next year, with a large part of the city centre, which lost more than 300,000 square feet of shops and offices in the blast, back in action by the

The entire project is ex-pected to cost about £500 million, with all but an estimated 275 million coming from priare sources, mainly insur-ance payoutts. "We'll get money from anywhere to get this done." said Sir Alan. Alistair Burt, munister for Manchester, standing in for the Deputy Prime Minister.

Michael Heseltine, said he could not promise a blank cheque. "But I don't think it's conceivable that the Government will not play its part in the rebuilding of Manchester.

The Government has already shown considerable commitment."

Ministers would examine "pots of funding" already available for urban regeneration projects. "To create beauty from horror is a sig-nificant human achievement and we wish it very well indeed."

a quarter-mile south-north pe destrian boulevard linking the shops of St Ann's Square and the Royal Exchange with Marks & Spencar, a new civic marks & Spencer, a new civic square near the Corn Exchange (a possible home for a branch of Harvey Nichols) and a landscaped close surrounding the cathedral.

Shambles Square, a windy concrete horror, will disappears but its two pubs. Since

pear but its two pubs, Sin-clair's and the Wellington, raised several feet when the square was created in the sixties, will be retained and If the M&S planners agree

the two halves of their new 300,000 sq ft store would be linked by a glazed street lead-ing from the Arndale Centre. The centre itself, built in the mid-seventies and badly damaged in the June 15 blast. will be modified to allow nat

To create beauty from horror is a significant human achievement and we wish it very well'

ural light to pour in and its tower, reclad and glazed, will be retained for tax Street, a dreary bus-filled canyon between two wings of the Arndale, will be converted to a glazed winter garden with many new shops.

A cultural centre, including a possible theatre, library and art gallery, is planned for a car park in front of Chetham's School of Music.

Behind the facade of Maxwell House, one of the last remaining memorials to the late tycoon Robert Maxwell. the group plans a leisure cen-tre based on the new virtual reality experience at the Tro-

cadero in London.
"I am tremendously excited about winning," said David Leonard of Benoy, a firm of architects working with

EDAW.
"This is without doubt one of the prestige projects in the country. It is a set of big

ideas."
Rod Hackney, architect and adviser to the Prince of Wales, welcomed the new pedestrian routes but regretted that the Arndale would not be demolished. "Most people thought it would go - but it stays with a new dress on,"



Shape of the future ... Part of the model showing the winning design: "This is a set of big ideas"



There was a person pumped up in an orange nuclearbiological-chemical suit. There was someone covered in nothing but clingfilm.

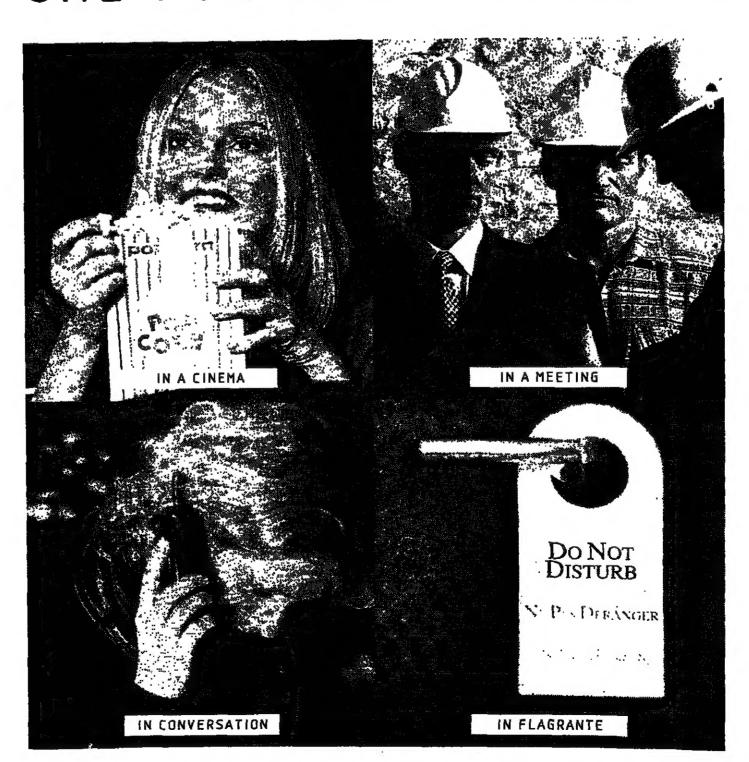
Alex Bellos attends the Rubber Ball



Manchester cathedral, at the heart of design for a rebuilt city centre which will honour God and mammon

'We want to create the very best city centre in the whole of Europe, fit for the 21st century'

MOST ANSWERPHONES ARE FOR WHEN YOU'RE OUT. CELLNET INTRODUCE ONE FOR WHEN YOU'RE IN.



With Cellnet's Callback service, callers can leave a message when your mobile's switched off or engaged. It's easy to set up. You just dial 1750 Send. Then, the next time you switch on your phone, a signal tells you if you have any messages. To play them back, you dial 901 Send. Setting up Callback costs nothing. Listening to messages costs 39p a minute. (This is charged by the second on digital.) If you'd like to know more, call Cellnet on 0800 21 4000.

COSTS SHOWN AGE FROM CELLUST SOCIETIONS RECOMMENDED TARIFF PRICES HAY VARY CHECK WITH YOUR SERVICE PROVIDER, CITHER MESSAGING SERVICES HAY BE AVAILABLE. TELECON SECURICOR CELLULAR RADIO LTD http://www.celluntago.ex

THE BIG NETWORK.



.

Man loses

parents in opt-O says Shi

Parents misled in opt-out vote, says Shephard

John Carvel Education Editor

OVERNORS at a comprehensive school in John Ma-jor's Huntingdon constituency misled parents into voting to opt out of local authority control, according to a ruling yesterday by Gil-lian Shephard, the Education

and Employment Secretary.

They circulated alarming forecasts of staff cuts and sharply rising class sizes which they said would have to be implemented if Arthur Mellows Village College at Glinton, near Peterborough, failed to convert to grant

Mrs Shephard has decided, however, that the false propaganda could not have influenced the parents enough to explain a two-to-one majority in favour of opting out when they balloted in April. She will not order a rerun of the vote.

The Government has twice ordered new parental ballots after ministers substantiated complaints of misleading

information. The Prime Minister has led a campaign over the last year to make it easier for schools to opt out. An education bill incorporating some of his ideas to expand the self-gov-

erning sector goes for its other than in the Prime Min-second reading in the Com-ister's constituency.

"It is unfortunate that the

Brian Mawhinney, the Con-servative Party chairman, will be standing at the gen-eral election for the constituency into which the Arthur Mellows school will fall after parliamentary boundary

changes.
An official from the Department for Education and Employment said in a letter to the school that Mrs Shephard had concluded that the "misinformation" was "materially misleading".

But Mrs Shephard "consid-

But Mrs Shephard "considers that a substantial major-ity vote should not be set aside lightly. In this case, she does not consider that the misinformation was such that it was likely to have caused the necessary large number of parents to have voted

Martin Rogers, co-ordinator of Local Schools Information which advises parents resist-ing opting out, said it was unfortunate the Government MocLeo

education department lays down a code of practice and then appears not to use the sanctions it gave itself when that code is obviously breached." Mrs Shephard was criticised by the school governors last month for delaying her decision about the complaints so long that the school

Gilmour McLaren, the chairman, said he would be demanding compensation for the loss of £20,000 a month in extra income which the school would have started to receive in September if it had been allowed to opt out on schedule.

was running into debt.

 A test to gauge how pupils' performances improve or worsen during their school independent schools as an al-ternative to the Government's exam league tables, which are widely considered to be mis-leading, writes Donald

had not used its powers to enforce standards of campaigning since Mrs Shephard could have had no way of knowing how parents would have voted if properly informed.

"I wonder if the result would have been the same had the misleading information been put out somewhere"

MocLeod.

The test will predict, at the gest of II, children's likely GCSE and A level results. Margaret Rudland, president of the Girls' Schools Association, told its annual conference in Brighton yesterday that she hoped the scheme will be taken up by state



I was desperate to get out

Nadia Zekra tells Maggie O'Kane of her five-month ordeal in Holloway jail,

NTIL one morning ing over her bed, Nadia in January 1994 Zekra, had been a Kensington when she woke to lady who lunched find four members of She was 47 and

accused of a crime she did not commit

She was 47 and had come to things easy. Her sons were grown up; she shopped at Sainsbury's on Cromwell Road, she had seen Payarotti in Covent Garden, would never have missed Picasso at the Tate and once a week

went to opera awareness classes in a friend's flat. Then almost two years ago she became the Crown's chief suspect in the 1994 bombing of the Israeli embassy in London. Two days ago an Old Bal-ley judge directed a jury to acquit her, telling the Crown that no jury would sustain a case against a woman based on conflicting eyewitness

stunned by the events of the the lounge with their son, Naling to end as fast and as sud-last 20 months of her life. deem. She never got a chance dealy as it began."

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

URGEONS and other

hospital specialists will be allowed to advertise

after the General Medical Council yesterday lifted the

ban on them promoting their

services they provide, en-abling patients to find out how many procedures they carry out — and how many of them are successful.

Doctors will, however, he

category A prisoner in Holloway jail; four days' interrogation in Charing Cross though this is a terrible mispolice station, where she exercised in handculfs in a tell them everything they police station, where she ex-ercised in handcuffs in a prison yard watched by police officers who nicknamed her the "black widow", the sup-posed disciple of the Arab ex-

tremist, Abu Nidal, seeking vengence for her martyred Now, she's been given back her identity as Nadia Zekraopera fan and housewife with a taste for Pavarotti and a lot of

anger. She says she came close to breaking point sev-eral times in her four months' They came straight to her bedroom that January moring and she woke to the

words: "We are charging you with the bombing of the Israeli Embassy on July 26 1994 and with collaborating in the bombing of Balfour House on

medical knowledge. In particular, they will be barred from

guaranteeing cures or arous

ng fears of future ill health.

They will be prohibited from visiting or telephoning pa-tients to promote themselves.

The move, which comes six years after GPs were allowed

tive of the Patients' Associa-tion, said: "We very much

welcome this.
"We don't think people should be encouraged to by-

Surgeons gain right to advertise

They include five months as a | to say goodbye to them.

"The worst moment was when I arrived in Holloway and they admitted me and

a plastic bag.
"All these people banging

on the door shouting: 'which embassy did you bomb? How long did you get?' I just cried and cried. They were nice to me there. I think they felt always crying."
Four and half months later

bail was granted and fixed at £500,000, "It took about 10 days for my husband to raise July 27."

She sat up in bed in her nightdress and called her huswere the worst. I was desper-ate to get out and I just kept counts.

band, Ahmed, aged 54, who ate to get out and 1 just kept
Nadia Zekra is clearly still had already been banished to saying to myself this is all go-

Israel **'to** blame' in car bomb case

Richard Norton-Taylor

HE case against a British-educated Palestinian charged in connec-tion with the bombing of the Israeli embassy in London in 1994 had its roots in the illegal occupation of the West Bank, an the Old Bailey jury was

told yesterday.
Michael Mansfield QC,
counsel for Jawad Botmeh,
said Israeli forces and Jewish settlers had deported Pales-tinians, confiscated their land, and even waged a "terrorist war". The Israeli government had "no moral or legal right ... doing what they are doing", he said.

"This case is not about the Israeli combined in the legal right."

israell embassy ... It's the other way round. It's about what's going on there. We can't examine the evidence in this case without some under-standing of where it's coming from and in particular where Jawad is coming from."

Mr Botmeh, aged 28, of Bloomsbury, central London, has denied conspiring to cause explosions, Mr Mans-field yesterday drew the jury's attention to a passage in the indictment which

referred to conspiracy relat-ing to acts in Britain. He came from a family "struggling against all the odds". Mr Mansfield said. There had been "brutal deaths" in the family. "An important factor in the case was his fears about what was going to happen to his family after the Israeli government announced its intention to expand Jewish settlements." Mr Botmeh had never made any secret of his campaigning for

an independent Palestine. The jury heard that Botmeh was born in Bethlehem and educated at Leicester and Nottingham universities. His father, who funded his education, is a bank manager in Ra-"I suppose I was in shock mallah in the West Bank, and for those first hours. I just his mother is employed by the though this is a terrible mis-Mr Mansfield handed the jury a map of the West Bank

want to know."

Yesterday, 24 hours after
the Old Bailey judge had
thrown out the case against
her, she was fielding calls
from wellwishers.

July a map of the west bank
meh's family village of Batir,
five miles from Jerusalem. He
described the recent history
of Israel, the peace process,
the continuing Jewish presence in the West Bank city of Hebron, and the recent visits of President Chirac of France and Malcolm Rifkind, the For-

raeli government. Mr Botmen told the court that Palestinians had been subjected to a "sense of repression, isolation, and deg-radation". Britain had given him "a sense of freedom". Samar Alami, aged 30, of

South Kensington, west Lon-don, and Mahmoud Abu-Wardeb. aged 25, of Putney, west London, have also denied conspiring to cause explosions. A car bomb exploded outside the Israeli embassy in London in July 1994, causing damage estimated at £5 million. The trial continues today.

Man loses BA battle

Luke Harding

RETIRED policeman who claims he has been the victim of a dirty tricks campaign by British Airways yesterday lost his long legal battle against the

A judge dismissed John Gorman's claim for damages after he failed to turn up to for the hearing at Central London county court. He is in hospital in Tenerife after collapsing. Mr Gorman said yesterday he had been too unwell to fly home to represent himself. He

added: "There is no justice. The power and the resources of BA have triumphed over The dispute began in January 1993 when Mr Gorman allegedly discovered pieces of glass in his brandy and coke during a BA flight to New

hospital treatment and ap-plied to BA for compensation. But the airline denied the incident had taken place and accused Mr Gorman of being

a "Virgin stooge".
A series of increasingly acrimonious exchanges reached climax last June when Mr Gorman was beaten up by two men who ransacked his flat. allegedly screaming: "This is what you get when you mess with British Airways".

Mr Gorman, aged 50, was also arrested, three months after he first complained, by seven plain clothes officers from Heathrow police who accused him of conspiracy to defraud British Airways. The case was later dropped.

outside his flat in Enfield, north London, and the words gouged on to the boot. Yesterday Robert Webb QC.

representing BA, successfully applied to have the case dismissed. He said: "We say this is a fraudulent claim by a professional claimaint." claimed Mr Gorman was suffering from nothing more serious than fainting.

Costs were awarded against BA has consistently denied Mr Gorman, who has spent any wrong-doing and says it £15,000 fighting the case. He has co-operated fully with plans to appeal against the

British Airways last night described Mr Gorman's claim as "fraudulent", adding: "We have always said the right and proper place to hear these claims is in court where all the evidence can be heard in full. We are only sorry this

A network can do much more than simply link PCs together. It can help you to improve your organisation's information flow, make better decisions and respond to customers' needs more quickly. Desktop Systems has the



expertise required to make your server and network implementation a complete success, and we recognise that today's organisation is looking for a solution that is reliable, flexible and, above all, cost-effective.

ProSignia 500 5/150 Model 2100, Intel Pentium® 150-MHz or, 2,1-GB Fast-SCSI-2 drive, 32-MB memory.

FOR HUGE SAVINGS ON COMPAQ COMPUTERS **EVERYTHING** POINTS TO US.



Kipling story drafts kept by secretary fetch £9,250

services.

Specialists will be able to publish or broadcast "verifior of public awareness of health

able information" about the care.

Guy Howland, chief execu-

told they must not exploit papas their GP and go direct to tients' vulnerability or lack of specialists, however, al-

AN EARLY draft of a mil-lennial story in which Rudyard Kipling foresaw the £9,250 yesterday. The story drafts and letters,

described by their buyers, Sussex University, as "tre-mendously exciting", survived because the author and his wife mistreated his secre-story published in a magazine

civility and paid me well," she complained in found with the papers.

Miss Parker kept the docu-Rudyard Kipling foresaw the her work was of high qual-Telecom Tower 60 years ity", said manuscript special-ahead of time was among a ist Derek White, who found newly discovered batch of them in paper bags in a chest papers sold at auction for of drawers sent from a house near Chichester, Sussex, to auctioneers Stride and Son.

The star exhibits are typescripts, with changes in Kip-ling's handwriting, of With

tary, Miss K.E. Parker, who worked for him in 1902-04.
"They treat me like a common typist and yet expect work of as good quality as if over London for delivery

though that could come in a later stage of development." Restrictions on doctors' advertising were eased in 1990, following an inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. But they have continued to limit specialists largely to advertising to pro-

argued that allowing special ists to advertise could under mine the gatekeeper role of referring GPs. But a report yesterday said changes in public and professional attitudes had made it increasingly difficult to apply the dis-tinction between GPs and others. "Patients more often want to participate in deci-sions about their care and seek information about all the

seek information about all the services which are avail-able," the report said.

It added that setting differ-ent standards for GPs and specialists was "no longer necessary or practicable". The council agreed to draw up a single set of rules for advertising by all doctors,

tients are not exploited.

A CABLE & WIRELESS COMPANY

MERCURY

MERCURY TO THE USA:

BT TO THE USA:

(NO CHANGE THERE, THEN.)

Even after all the changes in BT's prices, one thing hasn't changed. Mercury SmartCall it still between 20% and 39% cheaper for international calls. For details FreeCall 0500 500 366.

Mercury SmartCall

ORDER Tel: 0345 02 38 61 COMPAQ COSES YOU IESS TRAN CHEAPER COMPUTER

11

Vengeful Zaireans sack Mobutu mansion

Chris McGreal reports from Goma on the looting of the hated president's lakeside holiday home, a monument to extravagance in land of poverty

Seko has paid only one visit to his palatial holiday home on Lake Kivu. That was six years ago and he will not be going

As Zaire's president recuperates in his villa on the French Riviera from a cancer operation, looters pick away at the bones of his sprawling mansion on the edge of Goma. Rwandan backed rebels

took the provincial capital in eastern Zaire at the weekend. By then, hundreds of bodies littered the streets. Red Cross workers said they had al-ready buried more than 400, most of them civilians, in Many of the city's residents

fled with the army. Some of those who remained said government soldiers gave civilians their weapons, told them to carry on fighting and ran. Few people were so stupid on the practical by cleaning Some hid. Others went looting. President Mobutu's holi- which took up an entire room day home was an early target.

Sese | are so hated in the region as Zaire's leader. Perhaps that is why he has only ever been

> The front of the main house - badly modelled on a French chateau - offers spec tacular lake views. Out the back and around the corner the views are of dozens of families crammed into half-finished buildings and living in grinding poverty.
>
> The car park is home to the

only two ambulances in the province, spotlessly awaiting the president who never comes. Goma's main hospital less than a mile down the road has no anaesthetics. Beside the ambulances are five glearning black Mercedes. Be-hind them is a Land Rover with carpeted steps up the back to carry the president grandly through Goma. It has the number plate "P".

with French plans for a multinational force to prothe cars. They concentrated - the bedding, the televisions and the light fittings. They

The looters did not touch

the giant fake Ming vases and the imitation marble tables which cluttered the living

Mr Mobutu might not have been there in six years but his holiday home was kept ready should the fancy take him.

Despite the looters' best efforts elsewhere in the house, the his and hers bath-rooms remain immaculate. His is done out in sky blue

Paul Webster in Paris

NTERNATIONAL efforts to get a reluctant Mobuto Sese Seko to return to Zaire

from his Riviera villa in-

creased yesterday when he

was asked to co-operate

tect refugees in eastern

Zaire's president, conva-

plastic Romanesque plinths, | with stereo speakers built niece is a large whirlpool dec orated around the edges with big bottles of aftershave and bath salts. Hers is fitted in pink and burgundy, with giant bottles of Chanel per-

> Mr Mobutu and his wife have separate bedrooms. Be-

mond Chrétien, the United

Nations mediator in the

fortnight-long conflict be-

tween ethnic Tutsis and the

Zairean army.

President Chirac — who will discuss his attempts to

raise an international force

to intervene in Zaire with

John Major in Bordeaux on

Friday - is trying to per-

suade Mr Mobutu that he

must go home to take ad-

of a three-week

talks tomorrow with Ray- eastern Zaire and set up

fume and a gold-coloured

very long, if at all. A machine gun stands abandoned by the entrance. Unopened boxes of ammunition are stored in

In place of the absent guards are young men who the Rwandans say are nothing to do with them. But many of the rebels on the streets of Goma yesterday

protected corridors to en-able supplies to reach

But hopes that Mr Mo-

butu would take a lead in settling the crisis received

a setback right away: Zaire

grew up as Tutsi exiles in Uganda even shouted in

A couple of the rebels wan-dered around the house. They touched nothing, perhaps as astonished as the looters at Mr Mobutu's taste. But it seems doubtful the Mercedes will sit unused for

The rebels had done their

Leader resists calls to help promote intervention force

vention as "useless". Rwanda — which backs the Tutsi rebels in eastern Zaire - also opposes foreign intervention.

US ambassador in Rwanda, Robert Gribbin, has also

described military inter-

refused to attend a special Mobutu meeting of African states in apparently given a French visa on the understanding Nairobi yesterday to dis-cuss the conflict. he would retake control of Without Zaire's particidomestic affairs, but he has pation, the meeting's call for urgent deployment of a

told officials that he needs

The palace guards obvi- tive tongue, and some who of the city; expropriated ously did not defend it for grew up as Tutsi exiles in United Nations vehicles are transport.

Mr Mobutu was not the only target of the rampage. The centre of Goma, never an alluring town, was ripped

Shops along the main street had been plundered of their pathetic contents. Outside a clinic, packets of condoms were strewn everywhere. Apparently no one in Goma has any use of them. Money was discarded in the streets, so devalued that no one bothered to pick it up.

Even yesterday, with rebels everywhere, the temp-tation to loot was not resisted. Two Zaireans pulled a fridge past Mr Mobutu's palace on a wheelbarrow. They got away. Others were not so lucky.

ground with their heads bowed between their knees. A rebel soldier walked by and beat each across the back with a piece of metal. Then they were piled into a commandeered United Nations

3

•

Jonathan Street

Case of the

Yeltsin hands over to low-profile prime minister

Chernomyrdin tastes power

David Hearst in

Moscow describes pressures facing the presidency

USSIA got a new president at 7am yesterday. His powers last only as long as Boris Yeltsin judges himself to be unfit for office, but while they last the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, is certain to savour them

The handover took place just before Mr Yeltsin went into the operating theatre for a heart bypass. He signed a decree to activate another prepared in December giving dential powers, including control of the nuclear button. It will be ended by a further decree signed by Mr Yeltsin if and when he recovers.

In an address before the operation. Mr Yeltsin declared that "not for a minute" would Russia be without a leader. "He (Mr Chernomyrdin) and tested and reliable people. They will have great responsibility in the time to come." he said.

In reality, Mr Yeltsin has done everything he can to limit the time that Mr Chernomyrdin is in control. During this period Anatoly Chu-bais, chief of the presidential administration and one of the "other colleagues", is sup-posed to take orders from Mr Chernomyrdin, his rival.

The two men were invited to sit on a body called "the union of four". It has not met, but has already become a union of three after Gennady Selezynov, the Communist leader of the Duma, walked out in protest at the appointment of controversial tycoon Boris Berezovsky, a Chubais man, as deputy chairman of the security council. It was never clear what powers the his fitness, and for him to apunion had, or who was meant to be responsible to whom. bais rivalry is intense. Mr

tempting to do the same with the security council. He has launched an attack on the regions to get federal spend-

ing under control In contrast, Mr Chernomyrdin is a compromiser at heart who took a softer line than Mr Chubais with Mr Yeltsin's defeated opponents after this year's elections.

The Communist leader. Gennady Zyuganov, replied with statements supporting the prime minister, and the impression has grown that an alliance could be in the offing. It could include General Alexander Kulikov, the minister of the interior, and the mayor

of Moscow, Yuri Luzhkov. Their targets would be Mr Chubais and the ousted popuexander Lebed.

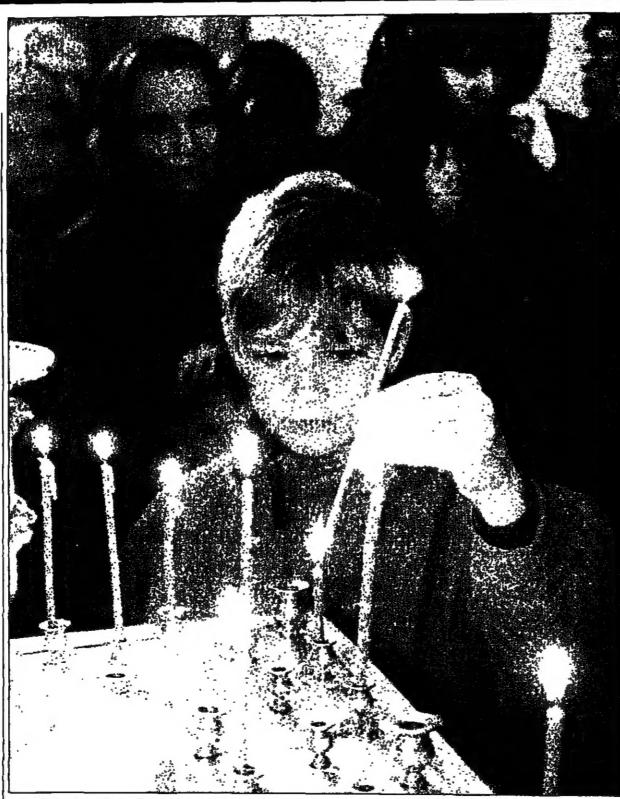
As rumours of an alliance grew, the press published a series of leaks about multimillion dollar dachas Mr Chernomyrdin was building for himself and his sons, and warnings that a revenue crisis would leave 85 per cent of state workers' wages and the army unpaid last month.

These leaks sought to stop Mr Chernomyrdin's alliancebuilding. He replied with his own campaign: a rare interview at home presented him as a home-loving man, cook-ing playing the accordion. even talking wistfully about women he fancied. Mr Chernomyrdin needs

time as acting president. Mr Chubais and his go-between - Mr Yeltsin's daughter Tatyana Dyachenko - need her father to recover quickly. No definition of an "active"

president exists. Mr Yeltsin has refused to countenance the creation of a medical commission to adjudicate on his fitness to govern. As the president recovers

from a multiple heart bypass known to have a treacherous recovery period, intense prespear in public to prove it. It could be a short and bumpy The Chernomyrdin-Chu- ride for Mr Chernomyrdin.



A boy lights a candle for Boris Yeltsin in Moscow's Kazan Cathedral in Red Square. The head of the Russian Orthodox Church asked believers to pray for the president as he recovers from bypass surgery PHOTOGRAPH: ALEXANDER DEMANCHUK

Chubais has seized control of | Passnotes. G2 Criticism softened by sympathy

CAR INSURANCE

PHONE FREE 0500 333 600

for the

lowest

premium?

ris Yeltsin provides less than half a job for Maxim Bachkaryo

The junior therapist. ily support him now. aged 25, emerging from the cardiology research centre yesterday as news came of the success of the presi-

HE Hi-TECH heart | salesman for a German clinic which could firm to raise his salary by a mean a new life for Bo-further £83. He voted for "there was no alternative"

said

events, it would be better to have a fresher leader." he

dent's bypass operation, earns just £23 a month. He has to moonlight as a drugs

wave of personal sympathy for Mr Yeltsin spreading through Moscow yesterday. Lyubov, aged 44, who had just come from an examination of her heart at the cen-tre and said she had been surprised at the lack of security, said: "I voted for him. There's no better candidate so far. There's no suitable replacement, so, for the time being, as long as he has the strength, let him work."

In the centre of Moscow

Even unpaid workers find a few generous words, writes James Meek in Moscow, where packs of stray dogs roam among birch forests. I gloomy in an unseasonably buildings to protest at detrade unionists marched and picketed government buildings to protest at de-lays in salaries, the mood warm, dank November. It is part of the architecremained kind to Mr Yelt-sin as a human being, but ture of Soviet gerontocracy. It was decided that world-

harsher towards his future leadership. "I do feel hostile towards class cardiological treatment should never be more than a few minutes away for the ageing leaders. Mr Yeltsin's flat lies half a Yeltsin," said Valenting Mironova, aged 44, an ac-countant from the Zil car mile to the east; the Bar-vikha sanatorium a few plant. She has not been paid since, in September, miles to the west. The censhe received half of the tral clinical hospital and another heart clinic are money she had been due in nearby.
Other staff and patients Victor Smirnov, aged 50,

an engineer from the Cenfrom the centre supported tral Aerodynamic Institute the president, part of a - Moscow's equivalent of Nasa — said: "As a person, I wish him health, but as president, I'm sorry, he doesn't fulfil the most basic responsibility of his post: to be the guarantor of his country's stability. Mr Smirnov said he had

not been paid his £47 salary since August. "Our salary is half the minimum level required to exist in Moscow," he said. "The Russian people are very pa-tient, but everything has its

'I am sure everything will be all right' — Boris Yeltsin



President issues upbeat statement before operation

Dear Russians! You know that I am to undergo a serious operation today. I want to say thank you to those who have been sending letters and telegrams wishing their president the speediest

Sympathy and a good word

My family is helping me in this difficult moment, taking care of My thanks to my wife, daugh-ters and grandchildren. Thanks to you ail.

My family and friends are concarned on the ave of the opera tion, they are nervous.

But I am sure everything will be all right.

During the operation, I have by decree transferred all presidential powers to the head of the government, Viktor Stepano-vich Chemomyrdin. Not for a minute will the

country be without a leader with full powers. He and my other agues are tested and reliable people. They will have great responsibility in the time to I do not intend to stay long in

hospital. I believe I will soon be working at full strength, as I did Be aware that everything have done, am doing and will do is all for the sake of Russia, for

your well-being and for a worthwhile life. It is especially important to me that you know that today.

I wish you all health and

etimes be more impor- peace and good luck. — Reuter

News in brief

Palestinians step up peace demands

CASTING a pall on peace talks, a Palestinian official said yesterday that Yasser Arafat will not sign a deal on an Israeli pullout from Hebron unless Israel fulfils several other

Yasser Abed-Rabbo said Israel must agree to withdraw from more rural areas of the West Bank, release Palestinian prisoners, create a safe route between the West Bank and Gaza and honour other clauses in autonomy accords signed last year. "Last night, the Palestinian leadership sent a letter... to the American administration stating our position," he said. "For

any agreement with Israel, there must first be a guarantee of the commitments on the entire interim agreement. Israel appears eager to implement the delayed pullout from Hebron, the last West Bank city under occupation. But the Palestinians' insistence on a package deal raises doubts about prospects for an agreement on security arrangements. The scheduled March pullout was delayed after attacks by Islamic militants in Israel. — AP, Hebron.

iceland has melt-water floods

TORRENTS of pent-up melt water from a vast sub-glacial lake poured on to the deserted coastal plains of eastern iceland yesterday, a month after a volcano erupted beneath the Vatnajokull

Grimsvom lake had been building gradually since early last month when the volcano — called Loki after an ancient Norse god of evil - began rumbling underneath the glacier.

Engineers have been working to strengthen the walls of trenches in the barren Skeidararsandur plain at the foot of the glacier, hoping to direct the flood away from power lines and bridges. — John Henley, Helsinki.

Peruvian drug suspect held

THE Peruvian government said police had captured the man they claim is the country's most wanted drug baron in neighbouring Ecuador and had broken up his trafficking ring, which was

supplying Colombia's Cali cartel. In a joint sting by Peru's intelligence service and Ecuador's police, Willer Alvarado Linares was arrested in a hotel in Quito during the early hours of Sunday morning after being tracked

from the Colombian capital, Bogota.

Four other alleged traffickers were arrested with him, and another 41 suspected members of his band were simultaneously arrested across Peru and Ecuador. — Rener, Lima.

Algerian villagers' throats cut

ISLAMIST rebels killed 10 women and three children in a village near Algiers, cutting their throats one by one, the Algarian newspaper Liberté said yesterday.

More than 20 rebels invaded Douadouda, a cluster of coastal villages, at the weekend and surrounded a house. A home-made bomb was thrown into the courtyard and when the women and children rushed from the house they were rounded up and killed.

Security forces killed three of the rebels. — Renter, Paris.

Taliban threatens Tehran

THE fundamentalist Islamic Taliban movement in Afghanistan The fundamentalist issumic ranges anywhere it regions by seterally accused Iran of supplying ammunition and men to the northern alliance of General Abdul Rashid Dostam and Ahmed Shah Massoud, which it is fighting for power, and for the first time threatened a "reaction" if Tehran continued.

"If their intervention continues, it will affect our relations and

will cause us to react," the acting information minister, Amir Khan Mutaqi, said. There was no indication of what form retailsa-tion might take, but Mr Mutaqi said the Taliban did not intend to enter Iranian territory. -- Reuter, Kabul.

Infiltrators killed in S Korea

SOUTH KOREAN troops yesterday killed two North Korean agents who had been on the run since September, but lost three men in a fierce gun battle, officials said.

The two agents were among 26 North Koreans whose sub-marine ran aground off the eastern city of Kangnung on Septem-ber 17, a military spokesman said.

"Our troops killed two members of the enemy's reconnaissance

team after fierce exchanges of gunfire with the armed infiltra-tors," he said. Two South Korean officers and a soldier were also killed when the North Korean agents opened fire with automatic rifles and hurled grenades at pursuing troops near the border with the communist North, Seoul officials said. Only one of the original 26 North Korean infiltrators is still at /

large. - Reuter Senul

Indian court refuses Rao bail

COURT in New Delhi yesterday refused hall to the former Indian prime minister, P. V. Narasimha Rao, in a forgery case and gave him until November 14 to appeal to a higher court. Immediately after the hearing, Mr Rao's lawyer said he would appeal

against the order in a sessions court.

He is one of four people charged with involvement in an alleged attempt in 1989 to defame V. P. Singh, a Congress party defector who later became prime minister. The others are the former who taker because in me minister. The others are the brines minister K. K. Tewary; Chandraswami, a Hindu guru close to Mr Rao; and the guru's assistant, Kallash Nath Agarwal. If denied bail by a higher court, Mr Rao, who has also been charged in a separate case of bribery, could be arrested and taken into custody. — Reuter, New Delhi.

survitalis falls from gracial

Few in Pakistan mourn second passing of Benazir Bhutto

Born survivor falls from grace

A comeback for the woman who personified her country's struggle for democracy will prove more difficult this time, writes Suzanne Goldenberg in Islamabad

Bhutto was yester-

day in political

by followers whose support she once regarded as a birth-right, and mocked by her

Police stopped cars from travelling to within 500 yards

of her prime ministerial resi-

dence in Islamabad, where Ms Bhutto was closeted with

her ailing mother, Nusrat,

and her three small children.

Her husband, the investment minister, Aslf Ali Zardari, is

now believed to be under

Late last night, some mem-

bers of her Pakistan People's

Party (PPP) were allowed to visit her, after she had been

held incommunicado for

many hours. She had last had a tele-

phone conversation at 2am

yesterday morning, within half an hour of learning of her

dismissal, according to her

distraught political secretary

of 13 years, Naheed Khan. Earlier, Ms Khan exhorted

ministers of the fallen PPP government to stage a sit-in on the approach road to Ms

Shutto's residence. But her fury was unmatched in the rest of the country. Except among the party faithful,

there was scant sympathy for the charismatic politician who charmed the West, and once personified Pakistan's

In Lahore, a matron in the

airport waiting room wore a satisfied smile at Ms Bhutto's

struggle for democracy.



Benazir Bhutto

were people so unmoved that it was business as usual. Their indifference is difficult to reconcile with the near adoration with which Paki-stanis received Ms Bhutto when she returned from exile in London 10 years ago, or with the respect she earned for her zeal in seeking ven-geance for the 1979 execution of her father, Zulfigar Ali senate, or upper house, from Ms Bhutto's party.

Bhutto, after a sham trial Most observers would argue that Ms Bhutto's prob-lems are of her own making. A fatal mix of personal arro-gance and ministerial incompetence and greed squandered the popularity that brought her to power twice after the restoration of elected government in 1988. Her husband, Mr Zardarl, became so associated with the corruption that thrived under her government that he was

called "Mr 30 per cent". At the same time, offensive in Kerachi against militants of the Mohajir Quami Movement was pur-sued with deadly effect. More than 2,000 people died in the city last year, and human rights groups have accused the police of cold-blooded murder. "If you want to be all-pow-

erful, you are bound to trans-gress, said Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali, an independent member of the national assembly and a former chief minister of Baluchistan.

In the rough-and-tumble of Pakistani politics, Ms Bhutto is a born survivor. But a climb-back will not be easy. This time around, she lacks a family, became preside dismissal by President Far-oog Leghnri, backed by the army. "Good," she said, smoothing down the purple silk of her tunic. "They clear enemy. Unlike the army takeover that ended her should have done it ages ago."
In Karachi, once a virtual flefdom of Ms Bhutto's PPP, In Karachi, once a virtual flefdom of Ms Bhutto's PPP, the poor passed around sweets in the city slums, while the rich celebrated the rise of the stock market. In

Peshawar, they let off rounds The new prime minister, Meraj Khalid, is a veteran of gunfire in jubilation. Only in the capital, Islamabad, socialist and a founder of the PPP. Like President Leghari, his democratic credentials have gone unquestioned. Al-though Mr Khalid filled his cabinet with mainly apolitical appointees yesterday, he also drafted in a member of the

interim administration will

Faroeq Legheri: The Oxford-educated president was once a Bhutto loyalist. He

was secretary-general of

her Pakistan People's Party and a minister in her first

the constitutional powers to dismiss government and dissolve parliament which

government. He criticised

the late President Zia ul-Haq took in 1985 and spent

four years in jail when Zia

gradually distanced himself from the PPP. This

against corruption and stop interfering in judicial

Mr Leghari, who came

from a wealthy Punjabi family, became president in November 1993. He

summer he repeatedly warned Ms Bhutto to act

Cast of characters

that the army plans an ex-tended re-entry into the politi-cal sphere. "I know there is a lot of scepticism, but we have no reason to doubt that the elections won't go abead," said Abida Hussain, a former ador to Washington.

The caretaker government is being portrayed as a necessary mechanism to rescue the

Asif Ali Zardari: Benazir

minister despite objections from President Farooq Leghari, has been the

repeated target of corruption allegations. He was arrested in 1990

and spent two years in jail,

but the charges were dropped after Ms Bhutto

returned to power in 1993. He has since helped to

government contracts on submarines, fighter aircraft and power plants.

This summer he was said to have used nominees to

buy two luxury properties in Britain, worth more than

£3.5 million. He and his

wife have denied the allegations. — JS.

negotiate lucrative

Bhutto's husband, appointed investment

step down before elections in | was: could our economy. February, dampening fears | could our judicial system, that the army plans an exvive until Benazir's term ex-pired in 1988?" Ms Hussain

> By accusing the fallen government of corruption and gross financial mismanage-ment — charges echoed in the International Monetary Fund and other donor institutions - Ms Bhutto's opponents

Meraj Khalid: The veteran

new caretaker

politician, aged 80, sworn in yesterday as head of the

administration, is rector of Islamabad's Islamic

University.
A founder of the Pakistan
People's Party — of the
generation of Benazir

Bhutto's late father, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto — Mr

Khalid dissociated himself from active politics when he was deuled a ticket to

contest the 1993 elections. He became close to the

breakaway faction led by Ms Bhutto's estranged

peasant family, he has a

strong leftwing past. — JS.

increasingly voiced criticisms of Ms Bhutto's

After months of acquies-cence in her imperious style of command, the members of her sacked government are at

All telephone lines have been cut in the ministers' housing complex, forcing PPP leaders to gather at dreary tea parties to commiserate and come to terms with what has befallen them. "The situation is that we have been looted," said Jehangir Badar, the religious affairs minister. "We have been robbed to stop the

ity that have sustained her since she was forced by tragic circumstance to take on the

struggle against the military that widened after his return regime. Ms Bhutto left for from exile in 1993. Ms Bhutto London, in ill-health, only had him jailed immediately after several years in jail and on arrival. Upon his release,

nunder house arrest.

But her moment came at last when General Mohammed Zia ul-Haq, the man who had her father killed and the personal solution.

The feuding siblings never the feudin sought to carve out a permanent role for Islam in public life, died in a still unex-plained plane crash in 1988.

tle of righteousness she as-sumed to fight the martial law rulers.

punishing campaign, and her PPP emerged as the largest party in elections later that

a loss without her.

Yet, previous crises have dari spent several months in allowed Ms Bhutto to demonstrate the courage and tenactions in 1993,

Her government lasted just 20 months, and was sacked amid accusations of corruption similar to those now heard against the prime min-ister and her husband. Ms Bhutto accused President Ghulam Ishaq Khan of plotting against her in deference to his cronies in the army. Mr Ishaq Khan was known for

his proximity to General Zia. But Ms Bhutto was undaunted. Though the couple faced 18 separate charges of corruption, for which Mr Zarand they won acquittals on all cases against them.

Meanwhile, the other bloody family legacy.

After the death of her father, a wealthy landlord and self-styled saviour of the peasants in his native Sind province, Ms Bhutto and her treed sister saw as virtual shandonment, opened a rift

had a chance to make up. Murtaza was shot dead by police outside his home in Ka-rachi on September 20 in an Pregnant with her first operation that was cited yeschild, Ms Bhutto took on a terday—along with the other

missal of the government. Mr Leghari was unmoved by Ms Bhutto's accusations that Murtaza was the victim of a conspiracy against the Bhutto clan — a refrain familiar as pressure mounted against her government. 'These malicious insinuations, which were repeated on different occasions, were

basis whatsoever," the disso-lution order said. The harsh condemnation, and detailed account of har government's misdeeds, could when Ms Bhutto started her second term in October 1993, and Mr Leghari was elevated to president a month later, A PPP veteran, he had proven

But they fell out six months ago after the supreme court ruled that the government had unlawfully tried to interfere in the appointment of judges. Coolness turned to open warfare within days of Murtaza's death. Yet the end, when it came

his commitment to elected

yesterday, was greeted with widespread surprise. Ms Bhutto's fate — and that of her country — is uncertain. She seems bound to live out a cruel destiny: scrambling up to the pinnacles of power, only to be cast down again.

Leader comment and Letters, page 8



A Pakistani shopkeeper does a celebratory dance in an Islamabad market yesterday after the sacking of Benazir Bhutto by President Faroog Leghari

ater fises

stepuo

ds

sect held

thugats of

(chian

, s kere

es ase of

guard — makes it clear the military was running the show.

More than that, the army high command was the main impetus behind Presimin impetus behind Presimin impetus behind resimination of the time. After an interlude of civilian rule makes the property of the state of the stat

tion leaders. The army this time was not just anger the stressed that he wanted a clean-up, even if it meant dispensing with

president the powers which Mr Leghari used yesterday, so that an elected govern-ment could be summarily

arena — but also the Bhutto government's failure to stem the power of feudal landlords, or even to raise agricultural taxes.

a population of 130 million there are only 100,000 registered taxpayers.

The army, made up largely of professionals with no fondness for landed families, favoured the agricultural tax—the alternative was a curb on its own spending. Defence eats up spending. Defence eats up spending. Defence eats up spending of the commission of the commission of the crasts to no me and the crasts to no more than a quarter of the

the growing surplus of im-

General Zia ul-Haq. His ad-Bhuttos refused to take, est foreign debts and ministration amended the The IMF argued for higher reserves are falling fast.

constitution to give the taxes on landowners, who Army leaders do not, at The IMF argues taxes on landowners, who last year paid less than £60,000, or roughly 0.0036 per cent of direct taxes. In a population of 130 million there are only 100,000 regularity taxes. In this stage, want to prefer a government of technocrats to do the IMF's bidding. Nevertheless, it looks highly unlikely that President Leghari's promise of

> sion and complete a census. corruption allegations

Military ensures economic reform by force

Jonathan Steele examines why the army finally lost patience with the ruler

it had the support of Paki-stan's politicised army. The precision with which it was carried out — after mid-night with all airports and broadcasting stations shut down and under army

main impetus behind President Farooq Leghari's under Ms Bhutto's father, move. General Jehangir another military regime move. General Jehangir another military regime which the land-wealthy has one of the world's high-ling the caretakers closely.

BENAZIR BHUTTO'S recently gave him a list of dismissal is not technically a military coup. but there is no doubt it had the support of Pakition leaders. The army chief stressed that he

the government.

Between Pakistan's es-

dismissed with a veneer of legality.
The army's motivation

The International Mone-tary Fund, which has been negotiating a stand-by loan

The government's failure of the government's failure to cut the budget deficit and terday that he wants the ports over exports was threatening Pakistan's

cleared up first. While these cases drag

Case of the high-living butler closes

lan Katz in New York

HE improbable story of Bernard Lafferty, the barely literate Irish butler who inherited a multibutler who inherited a multi-million dollar fortune from the tobacco heiress Doris Duke ended in a Bel-Air man-sion in the early hours of Monday morning.

Mr Lafferty, who became a Mr Lafferty, who became a

Duke, ended in a Bel-Air mansion in the early hours of
Monday morning.

Mr Lafferty, who became a
Mr Lafferty, who became a
confidant of the heiress in her
last years, was found dead in
last years, was found dead in
the \$2.4 million (£1.5 million)

Mr Lafferty and a belvaty limits many
sion leaving \$1.2 billion. Alsion leaving \$1.2 bil

and a doctor had murdered her with an overdose of mor-phine and sleeping pills.

mansion he bought with his \$4.5 million windfall from Ms \$500,000-a-year salary for the puke's estate.

Mr Lafferty, aged 51, was said to have a severe drinking problem, but a spokeswoman said he appeared to have died of natural causes.

Mr Lafferty aged 51, was said to have a severe drinking problem, but a spokeswoman said he appeared to have died of natural causes.

Trace ive \$5 million and a sponder daughter, Chandi Heffner, challenged the will, claiming that Mr Lafferty had used "fraud, duress and used "fraud, duress and used "fraud, duress and severe drinking but a spokeswoman days alleged that Mr Lafferty and a doctor had wurdered and a doctor had wurdered and a proposed fraud, duress and specification."

Ms Duke's body was barely cold, however, before a nurse used "fraud, duress and used "fraud, duress and industries" but a spokeswoman days alleged that Mr Lafferty and a doctor had wurdered and a proposed fraud, duress and specific that the had spent more than a doctor had wurdered and a proposed fraud the proposed f

prime beneficiary.
As the legal battle unravelled in a New York court-

tate, she removed him as an executor, but her decision was later reversed by a higher court. The former but-ler eventually reached a settlement with the estate, resigning as an executor but keeping his \$500,000-a-year



Phone for a free quote weekdays 8am - 8pm, Saturday 9am - 2pm. Motor Insurance not available in Northern Ireland.

The Guardian

Wednesday November 6 1996 Edition Number 46,703 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER Fax No. 0171-837 4530 E-mail: letters@guardian.co.uk Website: http://www.guardian.co.uk

A flawed charisma

Benazir failed twice: yet why depose her?

her into politics after her father's murder to struggle "for the poor and down-trodden" faded long ago. Once more, the malign role of her husband, plausibly accused of corruption, gives her enemies a decisive extra weapon. The economy has been hugely mishandled and Pakistan is hurtling towards a crisis worse then anything experienced since division in 1971. There have been other compelling grounds for the decline in popular support, including the manner in which her brother, Murtaza Bhutto, died, and the police killings in sympathy as a woman who has to battle against an almost exclusively male, very largely Muslim, political establishment. But few would deny that her charisma has become deeply flawed.

Yet does all, or any, of this justify summary removal by President Leghari and the dissolution of the National Assembly? It is true that the president's action is technically legitimate. But this is only so as a result of the eighth amendment, incorporated into the constitution in 1985. Its purpose then was transparent to give the president drastic powers to dismiss elected governments, thereby retaining the army's pre-eminence even while undertaking half-hearted democratisation. Those forces in the opposition and the military which now support Mr Leghari's move are hardly doing so from any great commitment to democracy or to the plight of the poor.

Ms Bhutto was unable to reduce the two huge political and economic bur-dens which hang round the neck of every regime in Islamabad: the entrenched interests of a rapacious landed aristocracy, and the inordinate budgetary demands of Pakistan's military. Critics will say that she never made the

BENAZIR BHUTTO has not served effort, and allowed herself to be con-Pakistan well — again — as prime strained by her own family's landed minister. The idealism which brought connections. The nost-partition history connections. The post-partition history of Pakistan also shows that tangling with military ambitions is a dangerous business. Nor can the Western world profess to be merely an observer. During the cold war, our governments showed little concern for democracy in Pakistan, building up the military there as an anti-communist bulwark which also helped put a brake upon Indian neutralism. Pakistan's intelligence agencies were later boosted in the 1980s by being used recklessly as a conduit for Western military aid to the mojahe-din in Afghanistan. Both countries — Karachi. Ms Bhutto must retain some and the West - continue to pay the price for that. Nor has much effort been made from outside to induce progress towards settling the Kashmir question, which continues to warp attitudes and retard modernisation in both India and Pakistan.

Ms Bhutto has also proved incapable again for the second time - of dealing effectively with the third huge constraint, along with the army and the landlords, upon policymaking in Pakistan. The failure to deal successfully with the IMF appears to have cost her most of all. Saddled by Pakistan's historic debt, she was in a no-win situation. The IMF simultaneously demands higher taxes on land and cutting the defence budget — admirable goals but politically impossible for a prime minister hoping to survive. It also insists upon budget cuts which would alienate what remains of her Pakistan People's Party's electoral appeal. We may debate whether Ms Bhutto threw away a second chance, or found the odds too high against her. But a new elected government — if indeed elections are held next February — will be hemmed in by the same forces against which even unflawed charisma would have found it hard to prevail.

Oxford: the city of lost courses

It has taken decades to see the worth of business schools

business school on a greenfield site which was, at least temporarily, thwarted yesterday — is not so much the involvement of Wafiq Said as why it has taken the university so long to get round to thinking about a world-class business school. The success of business schools in the United States, where 78,000 masters of business administration (MBAs) are turned out each year, must be one of the key factors behind the US managing to maintain its supremacy in business skills against keen competition from Japan and Germany. But while America's most prestigious university, Harvard, led from the front, Oxford became rather snooty about allowing its undergraduates to get too close to the dirty winds of industry and commerce when they could earn money so much more agreeably in the Civil Service, the professions or the City. Yet as a result of Harvard's farsightedness. about a quarter of all directors of companies in the Fortune Top 500 are Harvard alumni. Goodness knows what difference it would have made to the UK's business performance if Oxford had been producing MBAs on even a third of the Harvard the scale during the past 30 years — but it must be considerable. Fortunately, the rest of the country

was not so ostrich-like. Business schools have grown rapidly during the 7.500 (mainly graduate) MBAs a year, a | a lot of catching up to do.

THE interesting question about | figure that is likely to rise to 10,000 by Oxford's intention to build a £40 million | by the end of the decade compared with only 2,000 as recently as 10 years ago. This is still small beer compared with the US but a big advance on previous periods. It is estimated that 15 per cent of all people in higher education are now doing business studies or related disciplines. So high is the demand to do these courses - not least because it greatly improves a student's job prospects - that only 50 per cent of applicants are accepted for places, compared with around 80 per cent for those studying engineering.

It is easy to be dismissive about a lot of business-school jargon - like continuous re-engineering, just-in-time delivery and the pursuit of excellence - yet from such cliches have come substantial improvements in efficiency, particularly in the US. It is impossible to quantify the effect that proliferating business schools - there are now 110 of them in the UK - have had on the size of gross domestic product, except to say that you have to be pretty cynical not to believe that GDP is significantly higher than it would otherwise have been. There are signs of resurgence in key UK industries like steel, telecommunications, bio-technology, air transport and even banking, which a new generation of professional managers ought to improve on. But there is a long way to go before the British manage to cast off the post-industrial culture that still permepast few decades. Britain now turns out | ates so much of our culture. Oxford has

Freeing judges from politics

First, they should be appointed by an independent body

HOW independent are our judges? It is | ever, was expressed as a "firm belief not just the fundamental attacks of Michael Howard (taking away their sentencing discretion) or Sir Ivan Lawrence, the home affairs select committee chairman (suggesting their powers of judicial review could be restricted if they do not exercise self-restraint). There is a more subtle way in which the executive could undermine judicial independence outlined by the new Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham, in a lecture last night: denying promotion to any judge whose decisions were thought to be politically unfavourable. Some commentators believe the hope of promotion, or fear of non-promotion, has already affected judicial decisionmaking. Lord Bingham concedes that the expansion of the higher judiciary gives the executive more scope, but denies this is happening "I would regard such conduct as a flagrant viola-tion of judicial duty." His denial, how-

(coupled, if need be, with the fervent hope) that considerations of this kind simply do not intrude into a judge's process of decision-making."

There is one change, which would guarantee greater judicial independence, that Lord Bingham could embrace: an independent judicial commission responsible for appointments, promotions and complaints. Lord Bingham has already signalled his readiness to accept research on juries, the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into British law, and the abolition of the mandatory life sentence, but he baulks at an independent commission. Yet there could be no better way of reducing the influence of the executive. The current procedure under which the Lord Chancellor is responsible for the appointment of 2,000 judges (from part-time tribunal members to Law Lords) is wrong and absurd.



Letters to the Editor

Bernard's jokes fall flat The business of business too

November 4) carries all the contradictions of a writer desperate to cash in on a cont roversy. "Is comedy's job to be nice and inoffensive?" he blusters in the comedian's

Comedy's intention is to provoke, cajole and even outrage the sensibilities of any society. And, taken within the context of America's racial experience, it seems easy to understand the black-righ-teousness of humourists like Eddie Murphy and Richard Pryor. But minorities migrated to Britain as blue-collar workers, not as slaves. Manning's contempt for his fellow citizens negates any evaluation as a genius of

Margolis also excuses Man-ning as an "uncouth, working-class racist", comparing him to Larkin, Dahl and Kipworking class make him any lack of self-respect, a less culpable? So he gives to ing sense of identity. all? Only when he admits that Manning is intent on trying to preserve the past" does Margolis get anywhere near to uncovering the truth. Comedy in this country, in any country, has always sought to articulate the fear and optimism of an era.

The sexual promiscuous-ness of the seventies, the rank-capitalism of the eight-ies, the pre-millennial uncer-tainty of the nineties tainty of the nineties ... comedy gauges all. But Man-ning's brand of humour, rac-

DO not understand when violence is acceptable or un-

acceptable to the footballing fraternity. When Eric Can-tona kicks a fan at a televised

football match, he is univer

sally condemned and sus-pended from playing. When Paul Gascoigne beats up his wife in a hotel room, he is selected to represent his

country as a hero and we have Glen Hoddle waffling on

this costly PR exercise, it shows that the leadership seriously misjudges the intel-ligence of its members.

Teddington, Middx TW11 9DA. S there to be no sort of pro test against the decision not to allow the Gurkhas' wives

and children to accompany

them to this country when

they finally leave Hong Kong (November 2)? It seems a very

shabby way to treat the

much in the past.

28 Melrose Road,

London SW19 3HG.

brave men to whom we owed

ARNOLD Kemp makes the ludicrous assertion

(Media, November 4) that

"since the Barclay brothers acquired the European ...

they have slowly turned it Eurosceptic". We are champi-ons of the single-market

ideals; we believe in a Europe that is relevant to its citizens

and businesses; we are Euro

realist, not Eurosceptic.

Charles A Garside.

The European. 200 Gray's Inn Road,

London WC1X 8NE.

Editor-in-Chief.

Kitty Guthrie.

E Sussex BN3.

Jackie Terry.

87 Fairfax Road

Off the ball

ONATHAN Margolis's ist or otherwise, remains warmingly tender feeling stagnant in his portrayal of a country that no longer exists. Burhan Wazir. with an example of Manning's Eastwood Mains Road.

> ALL my life I've wondered why I've been unable to have a good laugh about my grandparents' extermination in the Nazi death camps. Hav ing read Jonathan Margolis's defence of Bernard Manning I confess I'm none the wiser.

Manning's Auschwitz joke generates discomfort not because it exposes our thinly-veiled prejudices, but because it provokes guilt in its audience for colluding with a shameful, degrading mockery. panders to the host group's sense of superiority by trying to curry favour, and doubly shameful since the joke's impulse is not rooted, as Margo its asserts, in "pure almost adolescent, principled perver-sity" but in those almost purely adolescent bugbears — lack of self-respect, and waver-

Racist humour is, at best, the product of a primitive survival reflex, and honours Charlie Moritz. Stubbins Lane, Stockport SK12.

BERNARD Manning does not deserve ironic post-modern rehabilitation, I thank Mr Margolis for publicising Manning's sponsorship of the "no publicity" trip to Disney World for the local Asian kid (Gor bless 'im) and

for telling us about his heart-

with an example of Manning's secret good works for gay men and women). However, this doesn't make him anything other than a racist bigot. Seriously funny? I think not. (Dr) Ben Hart.

PROOF of the root cause of racism is very difficult. But if more people are exposed to this sort of sick humour and see it as acceptable — sorry but "shifting uncomfortably" in one's seat does not constitute shock — the more acceptable racism will Decome. Ian Phillips. Vegal Crescent, Englefield Green,

F Jonathan Margolis is still "not convinced that Bernard Manning ... is politically or socially dangerous" he should watch the Sun's Zeebrugge comedy benefit video from 1987. After winning the all-white audience over with inoffensive old gags, Manning delivers a scathing attack on "the Pakis." No jokes, no punchlines, no "heroic aversion to authority" — just a blatantly racist speech. It gets the biggest cheer of the

Dave Cohen. North Gower Street, London NW1.

Surrey TW2

Please include a full postal address and daytime telepho number on all letters

DESPITE the rhetoric and personal abuse, Anita Roddick and Sir Stanley Kalms raise some serious issues between consumers using about stakeholding (Staking their claims, November 2).

A fundamental flaw in Sir respect of civil rights, the en-Stanley's argument is the implicit assumption that bus-iness can choose whether or not to embrace stakeholder

concepts. If the recent experience of British Gas, York-shire Water, Royal Dutch Shell and even the Body Shop teaches us anything it is that, increasingly, business deci-sions will be exposed to public debate. Business does not have a choice.

There is growing public concern that businesses have a responsibility to do more than make money and cover the darker side-effects of production. These demands can be messy — the public may be swayed as much by halfformed perceptions as by hard facts; MPs may be driven by political advantage rather than business logic or real

bility will go away? As these pressures mount, business leaders will have to develop new relationships with shareholders, with employees, with customers and most important — with the public as a whole. Greg Parston. Chief Executive

Office for Public Management. 252b Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X BIT.

responsibility is to progress, it is important to distinguish vironment or indeed any other issue, and making com-panies behave more respons-ibly towards them as

customers. In many areas, producer interest has swept the board. People have been misled into buying the wrong mortgages and pensions, overcharged by privatised utilities, sold poor quality, over-priced consumer goods and denied access to Shella McKechnie

Director. Consumers' Association. 2 Marylebone Road, London NW1 4DF.

WE want the computers. videos, cars and petrol that companies like Dixons (or concern for communities. But that kind of stuff trom those does anyone believe that the kind of people. The Body Shop, on the other hand, we feel a little guilty buying makes us feel good about our-selves for a minimal effort of conscience. Perhaps this is why we canonise Ms Roddick. While she ambles virtuously around those dying tribes, we can continue to fiddle with our computers, dab on the cocoa butter, and feel virtuous

> D I Buchanan. 10 Oxford Avenue. Leicester LE2 1HP.

Baseless slur

YOUR report (Pakistani army targets corruption, November 2) is absolutely wrong. The Pakistan army, a professional and efficient fight-ing force, is not involved in politics. The Inter-Services Public Relations Directorate (ISPR) has issued a press elease debunking your reporrelease debunking your repor-ter's attempt to sensationalise. It states: "A spokesman has contradicted the report that the Pakistan army has drawn up a list of politicians, including Benazir Bhutto and senior officials in the government, whom they want to be investigated for corruption. The spokesman described the report as totally baseless, con-cocted and mischievous". Samina Parvez. Press Attaché.

High Commission for Pakistan. 36 Lowndes Square London SW1X 9JN,

A Country Diary

TV toppers

DURING the BBC's celebration of 60 years of television (Viewers spurn TV's golden age, November 4) there was not one mention of the directors of these outstanding programmes, let alone the writers or producers. These programmes required a guid-ing vision, inspired by imag-ination, passion and crafts-manship. Unless these talents are recognised, future programmes may well consign the stars to wandering in empty spaces with nothing to say.

John Glenister. (Six Wives of Henry VIII.) Piers Haggard. (Pennies from Heaven.)

Christopher Morahan. (Talking to a Stranger.) Herbert Wise. (I. Claudius.) Directors Guild of Gt Britain, 15-19 Great Titchfield Street, London WIP 7FB.

as walking over one's grave. Out amongst the breakers' Out amongst the breakers' yards and ragged paddocks north-west of Heathrow, close to where I'd worked in the early seventies was this patch of tussocky grassland, and in front of it an official notice-board with my name on it, like a squire's. Someone had quipped to me about "Mabey's meadow" years ago, and I'd assumed they were taking the mickey, given that West Drayton was where I'd West Drayton was where I'd acquired a taste for ecological slumming. Then, a couple of weeks ago, came a letter from the Environment Agency, enquiring whether "this piece of local folklore is based on fact". Feeling flattered but oddly posthumous, I sped to the map reference I'd been given, and there the map reserve 1d been given, and there, barely changed was one of the endearingly scruffy corners where I'd spent my Penguin Books lunch-breaks. There were the scraps of medieval hedges caught between the mobile-home parks, the totmobile-nome paras, the tot-ters' horses and migrant waders, and a surreal water-scape where the flood-plain of the River Colne is riddled like

MIDDLESEX: It felt as eerie | a sponge with a fantastic labyrinth of abandoned mill leats. rinih of abandoned mill leats, canals, ruts, gravel pits and Victorian aqueducts. I'd drifted through this unofficial countryside, watching sand-pipers bobbing on floating car tyres, and finding exotic urban weeds, like thornapple, growing cheek by jow! with growing cheek by jowl with species (adder's tongue, small teasel) recorded in this very spot centuries before. It was the democratic jostling of old with new, immigrant with native — and their resilience in these inhospitable spots that heartened me so, and still does. "Mabey's meadow" (do lifted spirits really merit such an honour?) is to be hay-cut to give its ancestral species a chance. But I hope the newcomers will be respected too, since what makes these urban-fringe habitats unique is their quality of being ecological mon-grels. And, like any proud oster-parent, I will report further on this particular pup's progress.

RICHARD MABEY Richard Mabey's Flora Britannica (Sinclair-Stavenson, £30) is in all good bookstores



The banks that like to say 'no'

SOME months ago, my dled by all banks on phantom mother-in-law was mugged and her bag stolen (The hole in ann her bag stnien (The hole in the wall gang, November 5). With it went her bank cards, but this was not a worry be-cause the mugger did not have her PIN number. It still resided in its original envelope at home unpopped. HARDLY think the word "landslide" accurately describes the results of the ballot of Labour Party members on the manifesto (November 5). If, after constant pestering (in my case, three communi-cations by post and one tele-phone call), 150,000 members still decide not to take part in

drawn within an hour. Impos-sible, said her Big Five bank, she must have had a record of her PIN in her bag. Even after showing them the unopened envelope, the customer service people insisted the withdrawal was impossible. They were, of course, following the line ped-

at home, unopened.
Despite this, £100 was with-

withdrawals — they just can-not happen. Since then, we have had a gang convicted for an ATM scam and now the an ATM scam and now me hole in the wall gang. But, if the ATM system is inviolable, how could these prosecutions be brought? And since they have, what happens to the banks' claim of the impossibility of breaching the system? Roll on the first lawsuit against a bank over a phantom withdrawal, I can't wait to hear the defence argument. Peter Minton. Underwood, Hardwick Road, Whitchurch-on-Thames,

Still angry after all these years

ON SNOW is to be congrat- | worth considering the myth

ulated for exposing his pain, not condemned for betrayal (Mum's no longer the word, sadly, November 2). My own mother was more or less entirely unresponsive to me, though occasionally she did register physical hostility. Fortunately, she left me at five in the care of people who did show me affection but, of course, the damage was done.
As an adult, I have never been able to sustain meaningful relationships and have suffered recurrent depression and, typically, have sought achievement in a career. I have tried to understand my mother's cold indifference but cannot forgive her. I do not know whether she is alive or dead and, to be honest, do not

In the current debate on

family values it might be

of motherhood more closely — and how support can be given to women who find they cannot love their children. Name and address supplied. MY mother dished out sav-age emotional torture to

my two sisters and me all our lives. She spent the last eight months of her life in a home. still capable of whispering
"This is all your fault." This
was just to add to our guilt for having been born.

I salute Jon Snow for speak-ing out. It is not acceptable to have other than massive love for one's mother. It is acceptable not to love one's father. For saying that one's mother was a hateful person is to let the side down. I am letting the side down. Our mother was cruel to us. She enjoyed it. Name and address supplied.

تشكذامن الأجل

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9

Diary Dan Atkinson

OISES of a rotational nature may be de-tected beneath the Shropshire sod as John Os-borne, RIP, learns that his old showcase, the Royal Court Theatre, has landed a rumoured £200,000 from radical drama's unlikeliest sugar-daddy: Rupert Mur-doch. Or maybe not; Osborne may have seen in the ouce-liberal tycoon a wealthier version of himself, and would certainly have considered the money better spent on the Royal Court than on these strange black TV decoder boxes Mr Murdoch is said to be involved with. Osborne did have one tilt at the gutter press (The World Of Paul Slickey, in 1959) but it was so bad that outraged punters chased him down the street. Half the money is on the way from News International, with the other half believed to be coming from Sky TV, in all a huge lift for the Royal Court's drive to raise the "matching funds" needed to release millions in National Lottery cash. A

OT watching any-thing come down is the current preoccupation of Lord Kennet, Labour peer, polymathic writer and lover of old churches. Alarmed by a speech given by top sea-dog Admiral Sir Peter Abbott to the Royal United Services Institution on October 17, be raised it with defence minister Earl Howe last week. "What meaning," he asked, "is to be attached to the following phrases: 'pre-emptive deterrence', retribution', potential tar-get nations', and above all [continuing] to encourage and support the USA's efforts to police the world' ". Was all this Government policy? Er. no. according to Earl Howe; Sir Peter had been debating issues "al-ready in the public domain". Oo-er.

few more Murdochian ges-tures, and the chaps in

Sloane Square will be able to watch it come down.

LSEWHERE in the House of Peers, Lord Bruce of Donnington is today marking the 50th anniversary of the Royal assent to the National Health Service Act with a verisimilitudinous commemorative speech. Lord Bruce, once PPS to the Health Minister Aneurin Bevan, was on the spot in 1946 and, by a quirk of his-tory, he is there again today. cause of bomb damage to the Commons, MPs sat in the Lords when the assent was given, and the current Labour benches then housed the Government. We hope the Lords' feroclous new anti-slush rules don't rule Lord Bruce out of order on personal-interest

LUSH didn't come a lot Sinshier than the Poulson affair of the 1970s. Its backwash swept away Home Secretary Reginald Maudling, who was replaced by the Leader of the House, Robert Carr. By chance, Carr's PPS was one Nich-olas Scott, who, as the crists broke, was batting for a Lords and Commons XI against the MCC. In urgent telephone talks, he ex-plained the Parliamentar-ians had an excellent chance of winning. In a collection of politicians' cricketing memories, published tomorrow (Riccting To Bat, Queen Anne Press, £12.99), the MP recalls Carr's response: "Beat the MCC and then get back here as soon as poss-ible." After tea, Sir (as he now is) Nick said, "I flung my bat [and] notched up 93 not out." A performance to be remembered when Kensington and Chelsea Tories meet to decide the demon batsman's fate.

100000FS

T was good to see Welsh Under-Secretary Gwllym Haden Jones back at the Dispatch Box this week having survived every shop-pers nightmare, that of strolling around a trendy open-plan store only to wan-der unknowingly beyond its boundaries and be nicked md its for shoplifting. That his particular waking version took place in a Hong Kong airport only adds to the horror Anyway, he was promptly acquitted, but a sideways career shift is surely on the cards for Vaughan Watkins, the hapless private secretary whose folly in letting a minister out of his sight was compounded horribly by said minister's arrest. A tough mistake to bounce



The boys with the wrong stuff

Commentary Catherine Bennett

STELLE Morris, a shadow education minister, has informed the Commons that the inadequacies of boys can no longer be ignored. "The Government have falled to realise that there is a crisis in the under-achievement of boys," she said last week. "There is a deafening silence from them on what is becoming a learning and social crising a learning and social crisis. shadow education ing a learning and social cri-

Ms Morris is right about this lack of care, but it's not only the government that's to blame. Students of that stimu-lating and popular document, New Labour, New Life For Britain, will have looked in vain for any pledge or commitment, any vision or covenant, that relates to the declining state of British boyhood. Instead, it has been left to Mc Morris in the left to Ms Morris, in her pledgeless, but still worth-while consultation paper, Boys Will Be Boys? Closing The Gender Gap, to collate some of the more alarming statistics, and propose some

modest remedies. Many of her cades of growing social figures will be drearly familiar from various recent reports on crime, unemploy-ment and education; taken together, they can still sur-

Here goes: at primary here goes: at primary school, seven-year-old girls are better at every subject than boys. At GCSE, they continue to out-perform hoys, particularly in English. In 1996, 60.6 per cent of girls passed GCSE English language; only 41.3 per cent of boys.

At primary school, boys make up 92 per cent of all those expelled; at secondary school they again take the lion's ahare, with 80 per cent. Aged 16, 15.5 per cent of boys are in no education or training compared with 12 per ing, compared with 12 per cent of girls; 67.7 per cent of boys continue in education, compared with 73.8 per cent

In crime, of course, boys do

much better, making skilled muggers, talented burglars and gifted car thieves. These are, after all, activities which call for the traditional bluecollar virtues of physique and low-grade mechanical aptitude, no longer much in de-mand in industry. In their 20s, the ratio of male to female offending is an impressive 11:1. "If we do not act quickly," Estelle Morris says in her report, "we will reap a harvest of young men who are unemployable and face de Western civilisation to choose

Even those commentators who like to dismiss all such warnings as moral panic (supporting their argument with a procession of heritage camps, from 19th century hooligans, to footpads and ap-prentices), must be hard put to explain away the increases in male crime and truanting.
"I think it is worse," Morris
agrees. "I think there is more fragmentation, and there is more law-breaking. The tru-

ancy figures have gone up."
Why are boys behaving like this? Don't girls go to the same schools as boys, watch same schools as boys, watch the same television, take home the same homework? Yet it is schoolboys, not girls, who scorn homework, shun qualifications. "What we wanted to do was start the debate, rather than pretend we had all the answers," says Morris. But she ventures a suggestion: boys cannot adapt fragmented families.

As New Labour will clearly be unable to do anything about these obstacles to male fulfilment, it is, yet again, to schools that we must turn for moral guidance and social repair. Schools must make special attempts to boost boymodels enough. But today's boys apparently require something closer to home: more male teachers, "mentor-ing" schemes using local businesses. Isn't what's being proposed, I asked Morris, a set of substitute fathers?

"I'm not going to make any comment on that," she said hastily, clearly sensing trou-ble: the sort of trouble that follows any suggestion that some kinds of families might be more boy-friendly than to time-keeping and orders others. Robert Bly, the myth- from acknowledged superienthusiast and author of Iron ors. The only way male teach-John, is less squeamish. In his latest book, The Sibling Society, he persists in his lamentations concerning ab-sent fathers. We now live, he argues, without proper, intergenerational or "vertical" influences, in a society that only cherishes new-minted. horizontal values. Without proper role models, children learn from their peers. In consequence, they are not merely

Why should boys be sliding towards primitivism so much faster than girls?

crude and ignorant, but irre-deemably immature. This, Bly thinks, is not a good thing "There is little in the sibling society to prevent a

sibing society to prevent a slide into primitivism, and into those regressions that fascism is so fond of". But why should boys be sliding towards primitivism so much faster than girls? Girls emerge from similarly unedifying circumstances. and face the same prospects if they leave school without qualifications. Far from sink-

ing into apathy or villainy, girls from socially and eco-nomically deprived communi-ties are even more likely to

out-perform equivalent boys. It is tempting, at this point, to conclude that boys are simply too vain and too proud to do the lowly, part-time jobs that women will take in their attempts to be self-supporting. Street culture does not celebrate the virtues of those who wear cheap suits and work long hours, who submit ers could now make acceptable role models for many boys would be to acquire a Range Rover, several pounds of gold jewellery and a wife-beating habit.

But perhaps this is unfair to boys. In the absence of any other compelling reasons for their difficulties, some have suggested that boys are simply offended. For it's true that some feminists have moved on from marvelling at sexual inequality, to using the word "boy" as a straight insult, to suggesting that the whole sex is redundant. Many single is redundant. Many single mothers appear to agree; cheerfully admitting that life is easier without some feckless, jobless chump littering the living room.

It's possible, of course, that the chump might have been less feckless before feminism.

if men's labour and loyalty was only to be had in ex-change for automatic prece-dence over women and an obedient family, then the current failure of a large percent-age of boys to make the grade as responsible individuals could be one of the costs of sexual equality. Then again, the conversion of irresponsible youths from instant gratification to altruism and defer-ment, is one of the great achievements of any civilisation. It's a delicate operation, easily impaired. Maybe we've just lost the knack.

strands in those close to the President. After the election this lack of clarity led to an unsureness of touch in those crucial early years. That is why it is so important for New Labour to have a clear statement of what it stands for, what it seeks to achieve in government.

Flow does the 1996 campaign differ from the 1992 campaign? In many ways. Lots of the key personnel have changed. James Car-ville, Paul Begala, Stan Greenberg have all lost the centrality of their influence. Replaced by a new campaign-ing group marshalled by Dick Morris and focusing on Bob Squire the media consultant, Mike Penn the polister.

HEIR central message in 1992 was that Clinton was for the middle class, hind it once again. cesses of the rich. In 1996 this has gone, Morris banishing the phrase "middle class" from campaigning language, fearing its echoes of class war, wanting to include up-scale voters in the new coalimany. This was part ideologi-cal (the President genuinely wants to be inclusive), part

But this shift away from populism is in part an illusion. If there was one defining moment, it was not when the President co-operated most with the Republican Congress, it was when he confronted them by vetoing the budget and shutting down the government. At a stroke he became a leader who was both strong, and actively and effectively fighting for the middle class. Clinton finally realising both the presidential and populist potential that saw him win power four years ago. Even in his expected victory Clinton remains rooted in paradom parad dox: a president rehabilitated by eschewing populism: a leader propelled to victory by his one great populist act. What are the lessons of Clinton for Labour now? In the first place we should take heart. The assumed re-elec-tion of President Clinton, and what we hope will be the coming election of Tony Blair says to the world: it is the right who are the past, the left who are the future.

In the second place it is clear that the right can be

clear that the right can be beaten, but only consistently by modernised parties of the left. It was the New Democrats who won in 1992 and expect to again in 1996. It is New Labour that will win in

Thirdly we must continue to learn from Clinton's campaigning expertise. More per-haps from 1992 than 1996, because winning from opposition is different from winning from government. Finally we should learn

from Clinton's mistakes in government. Some lessons are already learnt. We have a programme for government, endorsed by the party. But we must never forget the basics: do not promise what we cannot achieve. Make constant small differences to people's lives, without for-saking big long-term ambition. This is sometimes called "getting your betrayal in first", which is absolutely first", which is absolutely right. The more honest we

Cash for votes? No thanks



NE has to laugh when a bankrupt peer who was once a Conservative fund-raiser reaches the conclusion that the only way to keep our democracy squeaky clean is to ban political donations from dodgy businessmen and invite the long-suffering taxpayer to settle the bills instead. When the name of the peer is that of a famously piratical newspaper proprietor, the atmosphere of black comedy is mosphere of black comedy is

Yet that is what the third ther. Baron Beaverbrook, grandson of the former owner of the Daily Express, told BBC2's On The Record programme last Sunday. It is his considered view after a stint as Conservative Party treasurer which came to an abrupt end when he himself went bust

I hasten to add that dodgy donations to Tory funds from (in Beaverbrook's felicitous phrase) "people who sub-sequently came unstuck" were not his only target. He also wants to end the Labour Party's dependence on the trades unions, so as to enable all political parties to "get on with politics without being tainted by the possibility of sectional interests being unduly influential in policy making". There is surely something touching about an ex-millionaire who thinks sectional interests have no place

Moreover, Beaverbrook's outburst was scarcely original Labour is already committed to introducing state funding for political parties, as are many decent leftish folk outside professional polities. But what is remarkable about it is that a former Thatcherite peer should suddenly adopt the heresy of state in-tervention in party politics. If someone like Lord Beaverbrook has joined the "some-thing-must-be-done" school of anti-sleaze reform then there must be a head of steam be-

have been here before - 21 years ago, to be exact, when the then Labour government appointed a committee under Lord Houghton to examine the case for state funding. After a year of earnest delibprised no one by delivering a majority report favouring the introduction of a state subsidy based on pennies for each vote secured by each

I was a member of that committee, and did not en-

ment by helping to draft a minority report giving a com-prehensive thumbs down to the whole idea. Alas for Lord Houghton and his scheme, it was the minority report which caught the populist mood of the headline-writers, and the whole idea vanished into limbo.

Reading both documents after 20 years, I am surprised how much I agree with my-self. Try, for instance, the following prescient passage from our minority report: "Cynicism about polities and politicians is already at an alarmingly high level, parily because of the inability of successive governments to solve Britain's economic problems, but partly because of a lengthening series of financial scandals involving deepen this cynicism still fur

There is, however, one important difference between then and now: in 1975 Labour believed itself to be bankrupt, and saw the taxpayer as its only realistic hope of salv-ation, By 1996, New Labour has demonstrated an ability to raise funds which was unimaginable under the uld state funding is no longer that our electoral system will collapse for lack of cash, but that the alternative sources of party finance are so tainted that the public will turn away in disgust, just as they seem to be doing in America. There are two weaknesses

in this argument, however, The first is that America al-ready has state aid, without reducing public cynicism per ceptibly. The second is that it is patently absurd to imagine that public confidence in politicians can be restored by allowing them to vote themselves state funds in return for a promise not to take any more money from people like Asil Nadir. The perpetual row over MPs' pay points to an opposite conclusion.

OWEVER, there are two perfectly simple measures which could have an immediate impact on public confidence. The first is the imposition of a realistic ceiling on how much a political party may spend nation-ally — something which already applies to candidates in their constituencies. The second is that the sources of political parties be publicly identified — a move which would make fund-raisers much more careful about whom they took money from. As it happens, both these proposals are already Labour Party policy. If Tony Blair is a wise premier he will give each of them a whirl before he moves on to introduce state aid. As the opinion polls continue to confirm, that source of money is seen by the public dear myself to the govern- as the most tainted of all.

Tunes of glory

Philip Gould, who followed both Clinton election campaigns, has come away with lessons for Labour's leaders - and spin-doctors

T IS four years exactly since I wrote in the Guardian on the last this election what one right-Clinton campaign. A lot has changed in that time, but one thing has not. Bill Clinton, as four years ago, was yesterday looking forward to serving the United States as its elected Pres-

Many have described this election as boring. We forget how hopeless it seemed then for progressive politics, how history seemed to be leaving us behind. But today we should remember that, if nothing else, Bill Clinton showed us how to win.

And we should not allow the right to steal this victory from us. They seek to change this election from an issue of ideology to an issue of incum-bency. From the defeat of the right to the victory of the status quo: "It's the incumbency, stupid."

This is pure deceit that would have been immediately exposed by the response of the right had Bob Dole

wing commentator said about the mid-term election in 1894: "This election con-firms what every Conserva-tive has been saying all along. That Clintonism is the last gasp of a defunct ideol-ogy and this administration is a freak interlude in a relentless historical shift to the hard right." If Dole had won, that would have been the message of the right Now the opposite is true. They are

in the darkest days of the Clinton administration, did tts unpopularity begin to learn from The warmin, entrouch that of John Major and thusiasm, and decency of the Conservatives. Even at that campaign touched anyths worst of times, President body who saw it.

Was the enthusiasm of that detect different ideological

the interlude.

are not often used to describe John Major.

This is not hindsight. In the spring of this year I wrote after observing focus groups in New Jersey: "The mood of the electorate in the US is not angry enough to vote an in-cumbent administration out of office. It is the opposite of the UK. The level of dissatis-faction in the US is massively less than in the UK." In the US there was never enough anger to drive Clinton out. In the UK there has always been too much anger to keep the government in. Not so much the incumbency, stupid, but those stupid incumbents.

HE article I wrote four years ago was enthusiastic. I had arrived beaten and It is not just deceit, it is also plain wrong. Over the past four years I have had the opportunity to observe focus groups and compare polling of responsibility for the dein the United States and the feet. Going to that campaign United Kingdom. And one thing is certain. Never, even shadows into the light. Defeat was not something to be ashamed of, but something to

warmth, and a sense that he | article justified by the past was on their side. Words like active. young, charismatic, visionary were used about the President. These words "war-room": "We changed his closing speech to the "war-room": "We changed the way people do campaigning." And he was right. Until Little Rock in 1992 the left simply had no answer to the use of fear as a campaigning tool. The Clinton campaign changed that. Socialist and social parties in Holland, Greece, Norway, Sweden, the ANC in South Africa - all of them learned from Clinton. All were able to fight back in part because of Clinton. Clinton's success in government is of course more ambivalent. My basic view of

this was put in 1992: "The choice is not between Clinton and a utopian candidate of the left. It is between Clinton and the hard right." That is true, and Clinton has a long list of achievements improv-ing the lives of ordinary working people in small but important ways. For many he created the "inch in which we live". That alone justifies him, makes him a successful progressive President. But he achieved less than he could have done, less than many of us hoped. I believe the most selling reason for this is that are now, the more our sup-port will be sustained later. telling reason for this is that

Philip Gould is chief polling strategist for the Labour Party. elections as a guest of the

Tragedy in **Eastern Zaire**

it's here: the situation we've been warning the world about for two years has exploded.

Already, one million people are fleeing the fighting. It doesn't matter whether they are Hutu, Tutsi, Zairean, or Rwandan. Starvation, thirst and disease will kill them, even if the bullets don't.

With a million souls seeking safety and shelter, Oxfam urgently needs money to respond to their desperate plight. Your help will save lives.

Give a donation today.

	want to help m Zaire. Here		
	£50 🗆 £100	•	£
Mr. Mrs.	Miss, Ms		
Please as	nd to: Oxfam, Room B/	Postcode	
	ard donations		
l Orfant United	i Kinedom and treland is		TTTT

world's first jet airliner.

Educated at Clayesmore School and at City and Guilds

College, he joined de Hav-illand in Edgeware, north

1925, learning to fly four years later. In 1935 he became head

of the company's aerody-namic design group. As he

opinion within the company then was that true engineer able to design by intu-

ition. Theoretical work was

regarded with considerable suspicion and people like

Clarkson were referred to

somewhat disparagingly as

But the growing sophistica-

tion of aircraft meant that

Clarkson's aerodynamics ex

Havilland's success. Fre-

quently engaged in flight

trials, he acquired a unique insight into designing aircraft

which handled well and gave

The company expanded at its Hatfield base and by the mid-1940s Clarkson, often a

hard taskmaster, had trained

a staff of outstanding aero

dynamicists who revered him

and regarded him with real

In the 1930s he worked on

racing aircraft and airliners

- such as the Albatross and

Flamingo - but in 1939 Clark-

designer, R E Bishop, came up with the idea for the Mos-

was to be used as a bomber, reconnaissance aircraft, and night-fighter during the

Comet, which flew first in 1949. Structural problems de-

nied it the success it deserved

but the aerodynamics of the wing left little room for criti-

while the success of the Euro-

pean Airbus today is due to

figure workers".

the pilot confidence.

Engineer for the jet age ICHARD Clarkson, who has died aged 94, was one of that group of outstanding aeronautical engineers which from the 1930s into the 1960s was behind the success of the de Havilland Aircraft Com-pany. He headed a team which worked on the wartime Mos-quito; the Vampire, the first mass-produced jet fighter, the DH108, the first European plane to exceed the speed of sound; and the Comet, the

Boys of the Third Reich . . . Reichsjugendführer Axmann inspects the Hitler Youth in 1937 n the bunker with Hitler

He moved swiftly through the ranks, becoming the Ber-RTUR Axmann. who has died aged 63, served as the last leader of the Hitler Youth and joint suicide of Hitler and Eva Braun in the Berlin bunker. As Reichsjugendführer from 1940 until the end of the Vienna. second world war, he placed As such von Schirac was the teenagers he commanded at the disposal of Hitler's war

Commitment to

OHN Gorman, who has event which left its nine

died aged 66, was a silk | remaining members without

eadersbip.

and Yiddish.

been a member of that union,

and the banner depicted the

union's aims in both English

Born in Stratford, East Lon-

don, John was the son of a

miner's daughter, who

entered service at 14, and a

carpenter. He started work in

1946 as an apprentice silk-

screen printer, joining the

union on his first day at work.

in 1948 he began his national service and on the

train journey to RAF Padgate,

he met the composer Lionel

Bart, then a budding artist,

who had been similarly in-ducted. Over the years the two

men exchanged ideas about their work, and after demobi-

lisation, they launched G & B Arts, whose printing of post-ers won national and interna-

tional awards and regular

Marks & Spencer and Sains-bury. The firm also produced

posters for the Royal Shake

speare Company, the National

Theatre and for many progres

OHN became attracted to

the Communist Party in 1949 while he was in the

RAF. He found party life all-

embracing and totally absorb

ing, and with Pamela, whom he had met in the RAF and

who was now his wife, partici-

pated in many grassroot activ-ities. He left the party, with mixed emotions, following the

Soviet invosion of Hungary in 1956, He joined the Labour Party, CND and the Commit-tee of 100 and was twice ar-

elict office in Hackney tee of 100 and was twice ar-following the casual murder of rested for acts of civil

us 78-year-old secretary, an disobedience.

sive projects and causes.

comradeship

as 15 to their deaths towards. the end of the fighting. Axmann founded the first National Socialist youth keep young people out of group in his home region of them. He also claimed to have North-Rhine Westphalla in 1928. He claimed to have joined the Nazis for idealistic reasons and concerned himself with social issues, organising an annual competition for workers, despite the fact that he had never learned a

John Gorman

skills helped to build his com-pany. G & B Arts, into one of

the world's finest. He was also

a historian of the labour

movement whose books on

trade union banners and post-

ers emphasised the role

played by working people in

shaping economic and social

change. His craft was his work

and socialist history his plea-

sure: they were inseperable parts of his life.

Knocking Down Ginger gives an insight to the driving force

that led to the success of his

earlier publications: Ranner

Bright (1973); To Build Jerusa-

iem (1980) and Images of

Labour (1965), each of which

used photographs and text to provide vivid witness to a

working class history often

depicted in more cosy, tradi-

tional imagery.
The idea for Banner Bright

came from the discovery of a

discarded trade-union banner

while rummaging in the base-

ment of premises due to be converted into a travel

agency, John's reportage of history was always from pri-

mary sources and he would

Following the publication of Banner Bright in 1973, an ex-

hibition of the most unusual

was held at the Whitechapel

Art Gallery.
Among them was the ban-

nor of the Jewish Bakers' Union which John had discov-

search of new material.

diligently travel the country

His recent autobiography

effort, sending boys as young

ing a hand during his brief wartime service as a soldier He succeeded Baldur von Schirac as leader of the Hitler Youth in 1940 when von Schirac became Gauleiter of

responsible for sending the city's Jews to the death camps. Axmann admitted later that he had known about them but insisted that he had tried to persuade Himmler to forbidden the Hitler Youth in Berlin from taking part in the Reichskristallnacht pogrom on November 9, 1938. As leader of the Nazi youth

movements — he was also in charge of the Bund Deutscher Mādel (Federation of German



occess to Hitler. On April 20, 1945, as Soviet troops were closing in on Berlin, be met

"His hands were trembling We were shaken by his stare as he made an imploring appeal to us: 'The battle for Berlin must be won'. Thus I cle in the very last phase of the war. But I would have stayed without oath or orders Axmann recalled 20

Axmann sent his battalions of 16 and 17 year-olds to atempt to secure a number of bridges over the Havel but they were no match for the advancing Red Army. Hitler and Eva Braun committed suicide in the bunker on April 30, 24 hours after they were married. Axmann claimed to have seen their corpses the following day when he entered the bunker with Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels, who killed himself shortly afterwards.

"I saw Eva Braun lying on the sofa. I also saw her being carried dead out of the room. Hitler had urged Eva Braun days before the joint suicide to leave Berlin. But in convercalmly and without pathos jobs, he worked as a salesman that she would stay and die for a number of companies in with Hitler," he said. Axmann escaped to south-

ern Germany before being captured by the American authorities in December 1945. started his escape with Mar-tin Bormann but that Bormann died before they left Berlin. Prosecutors suspected him of helping a number of senior Nazis to escape after the war but no such charges ever brought against

He was tried and convicted at the Nuremberg war crimes trials in 1949 for his role as tenced to three years in prison. Because he had alremand, he was released Banned from all political

Trisha Ingrams

southern Germany. One of these companies had links to anti-communism, Axmann spent two months there in a Chinese trade delegation on

tour of Germany. During the same year, he was fined DM35,000 by a Berlin de-Nazification court but bounced back into the head story to the weekly magazine

His family kept the news of his death secret for more than a week to ensure a private funeral free of neo-Nazi mourners

Artur Axmann, Nazi youth

Tenacious in her eloquence

eration of journalists who embraced the advent of local broadcasting (Capital Radio and LBC) and regional television (Thames, Anglia and Sky) with consummate skill.

Her silky smooth voice and elegance suggested more the pages of Vogue than a frenetic newsroom. At the Sun in the 1970s, she performed the dan gerous stunts which the late Brian Johnson used to do on In Town Tonight. She was fearless but recalled every thing with dry, subtle humour, especially her Bunny

Girl episode. Born and brought up in Harrow, her first job was on a local magazine. She went through her radio apprentice-ship in the studio at United Biscuits before moving to the news desk of Capital Radio when it was launched in 1974. LBC, London's first major commercial station, then

snapped her up. Her professional cynicism never took precedence over her warm, perceptive human-ity. Her listening skills provided some wonderful hour long profiles of London personalities. This calm but purposeful approach painted accurate pictures which won high praise from her peers. Her arrival at Thames TV at the end of the 1970s was greeted enthusiastically. Local news was not sanitised then; comment and conflict were the order of the day, for most of it was live coverage and Tricia tackled the most ob-

treperous and vain London

Her role as newsreader

cancer was diagnosed.

seduce even the most intransigent subject.

Patricia (Tricia) Anne Ingrams,

RISHA INGRAMS, who could have been designed by has died of cancer aged Central Casting. She somehow news shots with prim authority. Yet her capacity for following a story never waned: fire, flood, civic com motion or personal tragedies, she would be there, always first on the scene with her

camera crew. Friends and colleagues loved her company and en-joyed eating and drinking with her, but her long struggle with cancer dismayed us. She, however, remained stoical and insisted on no long faces. Style and humour were the

order of the day. Despite sad aspects to her personal life, she fought back and on her return to London from Norwich and Anglia TV in 1994 she seemed as happy as ever. Reading the news on Sky Television followed and there was the comfort of for-mer colleagues from LBC and Thames who were already there. Shortly afterwards the

My most pleasant memory of her was with a group of barn owls on a GLC-owned farm near Uxbridge. These perverse creatures were being bred by the farmer and the time had come to coax them out to meet the media. I failed and received their visual dis-dain. Trisha as they say, charmed the birds not from the trees but from the rear of the barn. She seldom failed to

broadcaster, born March 28, 1946; died October 29, 1996



Clarkson . . . fortbright

Clarkson's disciples at Hatfield. They were all bril-liant," he said of them. Clarkson, who was awarded the OBE in 1950, was a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and received its Gold Hatfield three years later. Opera, particularly by Rich-

his life. He intensely disliked modern productions of The Ring Cycle in which the cast appeared to be "attired in space suits", as he expres it. He also admired Richard Strauss and once declared that "anyone who has lived without hearing Der Rosenkavaller does not deserve to have lived". He was a regular visitor to Covent Garden and to the Welsh Opera and his views on opera were well informed - and expressed in forthright terms, as were all

English in the writling of technical reports. His staff were given written instructions about phrases and words which be regarded as abominations. Strangely enough, his per-sonal correspondence was son and de Havilland's chief usually written on recycled scrap paper and posted in re-used envelopes sealed with stickers proclaiming serve the Rain Forests" or "Keep Britsin out of Europe" two other concerns of his later blood sports and rode to

Late in the war, the first of more than 4,000 Vampire jet hounds until late in life. fighters flew. It was another In later years he worked aircraft that was distin-guished by excellent handling with Margaret Cave to gain recognition for his ancestor Thomas Clarkson, "the friend By 1946 Clarkson and his of slaves", who was preaching team were working on the experimental jet, the DH 108 against the slavery trade in research on the DH108 that ill health. Clarkson recently the design evolved of the world's first jet airliner, the attended the dedication of a Westminster Abbey memorial

to his ancestor and posed for photographs with Lord Wilberforce. That was his last public appearance.

Clarkson will be missed by his wife Sylvia, his daughter and four grandchildren, and by all of those who shared

cism. That wing is still flying today on the Nimrod longrange maritime reconnais with him the adventure of Clarkson went on to work on the Trident jet airliner, the extending the boundaries of aircraft design in the Jet age. aerodynamics of which in-spired the Boeing 727, Mean-

Frank Yann

Richard Clarkson, aerodynamithe advanced design of its cist, born July 14, 1902; died October 9, 1996 wing, another creation of

Birthdays

ance aircraft.

Dr James Barber, political scientist, 85; Frank Carson, comedian, 70; Colin Christopher, trades unionist, 64; Ray Coniff, songwriter, 80; Sally Field, film actress, 50; Nigel Havers, actor, 47; Mark Mc Cormack, sports promoter, 66; David Moss, High Com-missioner to Malaysia, 58; Mike Nichols, film and theatre director, 65: Susie Orbach, psychotherapist and feminist, 50; Amanda Popham, ceramic artist, 42; P J Proby, rock singer, 58: Gen Sir David Ramsbotham, chief inspector of prisons. 62; Prof Sir Martin Roth, psy-chiatrist, 79; Arturo Sandoval, jazz trumpeter, com-poser, 47; Sir Oliver Scott, radiobiologist, 74; Graeme Wood, cricketer, 40.

through the entry hole like

an acrobat through a flaming hoop. It took all my self-restraint and abdominal conditioning to keep from decorating the inside with Steinlager huey. After struggling to my feet, all I had to do was wall formand until the

was walk forward until it fell

Death Notices

h£1bn market cra

illy at Churchfields Nursing rd. Ivy Daisy aged 85 years service at The Waveney Ch November at 12 00 i al in Diss Cemetery. for the British Heart

To place your enrouncement telephone 0171 718 4567, Faz 0171 713 4129

Jackdaw

White lies

ABOUT 15 per cent of people write lies in the CVs they send in for job applications Say's John Graham, of Hong Kong-based Trading Consultante, a commercial investi-gations firm. "It's quite easy as you get older to claim more qualifications as no one is going to check the A levels of a

it's fairly common to falsify résumes in Hong Kong," he says. So what do you do? The fact that someone has stretched their resume is not always the issue, but rather will they fit in with the team. can they do the job?" In other words why throw out some-

one who told the same lies that you and your colleague did." This reminds me of the stockbroker in court who was asked whether he wanted to be tried by a judge or by a jury "of your peers, that is, people just like you". He replied: "I'll have the

judge please. I don't want to be tried by a gang of crooks." Truthful economy paying off. reported in the South China

Heavy crime

a) PORTSMOUTH, R.I. Police charged Gregory Rosa. 25. with a string of vending machine robberies in January when he (1) fled from police inexplicably when they spotted him loitering around a vending machine and (2) later tried to post his \$400 bail in

coins. b) Karen Lee Joachimmi, 20, was arrested in Lake City. Florida for robbery of a Howard Johnson's motel. She was armed with only an electric chainsaw, which was not

plugged in. c) The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a

man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 7.50am. flashed a gun and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cast register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away. And it gets better:

of the National Museum of

Labour History, and in 1992

was elected an honorary fel-low of Ruskin College. He was

in constant demand as a

speaker, contributed to left-

to fufill his passion for cricket

(he was a member of the MCC).

A congenial man, with a

constant supply of anecdotes

he was never a champagne socialist although he enjoyed

good food and loved wine and

At his death he was working

on a book depicting the impact

real ale.

d) David Posman. 33, was arrested recently in Provi-dence, R.I. after allegedly knocking out an armored car driver and stealing the closest four bags of money. It turned out they contained \$800 in PENNIES, weighed 30 oounds each, and slowed him to a stagger during his getaway so that police officers easily jumped him from

behind. (e) The Belgian news agency Belga reported in November that a man suspected of robbing a jewelry store in Liege said he couldn't have done it because he was busy breaking into a school at the same time. Police then arrested him for breaking into the

(f) Drug-possession defen-dant Christopher so-and-so, on trial in March in Pontiac, Michigan, said he had been searched without a warrant. The prosecutor said the offi-cer didn't need a warrant because a "bulge" in Christo-pher's jacket could have been

sonal visiting card showed a drawing of two hands firmly

lasped in a handshake. It wa

John's declaration of his phi-

osophy and his beliefs -

handshake of solidarity and of

brotherhood. No matter the

circumstance he always retained his gentleness, hu-mility and above all his

He leaves Pam and son Jon.

John Gorman, printer and social

ist historian, born August 4, 1930;

Aubrey Morris

died October 31, 1996

Gorman (left) with ex-TUC general secretary Vic Feather

In 1983 he was appointed by | and development of posters in

the GLC as a governor of the Museum of London. He also served on the Advisory Board

The reverse side of his per-

gun. Nonsense, said Christopher, who happened to be wearing the same jacket that day in court. He handed it over so the judge could see it. The judge discovered a packet of cocaine in the pocket and laughed so hard he required a five-minute recess to compose

(g) Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz gave himself five inch-long welts in March when he tried to iron his polo shirt while wearing it. 'T've ironed that way five or six times." he said, "and never had it happen." From the San Jose Mercury neurs, "Neurs of the Weird".

Stress busters 1. Jam 39 tiny marshmailows up your nose and try to sneeze them out.

2. Use your Mastercard to pay your Visa. 3. Pop some popcorn outting the lid on.

politicians,

a nice day", tell them you have other plans. 5. Find out what a frog in a olender really looks like. Forget the Diet Center and send yourself a candygram.

you've already done. 8. Dance naked in front of your pets. 9. Put your toddler's clothes on backwards and send them off to pre-school as if nothing was wrong. 10. Retaliate for tax woes by

7. Make a list of things that

filling out your tax forms with Roman numerals. 11. Tattoo "out to lunch" on your forehead. 12. Tape pictures of your boss on watermelons and launch them from high places. 13. Leaf through National Geo graphic and draw underwear

on the natives.

14. Go shopping. Buy every-thing. Sweat in it. Return it the next day. Alternative ways to deal with stress at wiew, yumyum.com text/stress.htm

Cracked craze

MY ZORB was parked in readiness on a ledge above.) haven't been a bad person not consistently anyway — yet the retribution that was about to befall me looked painful, foolish and difficult for my parents to explain to the man from the Pru.

I had three goes. The first time, as instructed, I ran up to my Zorb and dived headlong



GQ Active . . . glddy antics

off the precipice. From then on, the only kind of contribu-tion I could make to the proceedings was a vocal one as I was flung violently about like a rag doll. It's useless trying to brace yourself for each bounce when you are so disorientated you don't know your arse from your elbow and loose change has fallen out from your pockets and keeps hitting you in the face. So there was nothing to do but endure it until the bloody thing finally came to a standstill. After which I lay quietly on my neck feeling glddy and wondering which way was down Andrew ran up, whooping, and thrust his whooping, and the ust may head in the entrance hole. "What do you think? Isn't it great?" he yelled. Still upside

down, I pretended to burst into tears.

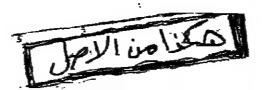
Before I dived in for my

second go, Akers gave me a team talk. He told me I had gone down the first time in the classic novice manner, doing what is known in Zorb ing nomenclature as a "washing machine". This time he advised me to anchor my hands and feet against the sides, starfish-style so I would go faster without getting bashed up. And he was right: I went down the hill twice as fast crucified inside with the momentum. But whether this was a better way of travelling in a giant ball depends on whether one prefers to be shaken or stirred; it's a matter of personal taste. At present Akers and Van der Sluis are patenting their Zorbs worldwide. GQ Active magazine reporting on the sphere and loathing

of Zorbing, the jellyfish experience developed in Australia.

Jackdaw wants jewels. E-matl jackdawią guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; Jackdow. The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London ECIR 3ER.

Emily Sheffield



Arch-rival AT&T tries to halt the Big Deal . . .

Fund manager's bloated balance sheet, page 12

Financial Editor: Alex Brummer Telephone: 0171-239-9610 Fax: 0171-833-4456

. . . as union-busting fears emerge, page 12

Finance Guardian

Surging sterling hits shares City misreads the

Mark Miliner and Larry Elliott

TRONG growth, rising oil prices and last week's anti-inflationary interest rate rise sent the pound soaring again on the foreign exchanges yesterday.
Sterling's latest surge fook
it to its best level for almost
three years, within touching
distance of its level immediately after Black Wednesday
when the round left the ex-

when the pound left the exchange rate mechanism.

At one stage the pound was changing hands at more than 2.50 marks, and \$1.65, pushing which measures sterling's value against a basket of currencies—up to 91.6, though it eased back slightly before the

close in London.
It eventually closed on London at 2.4979 marks, its highest since June 1994, and at \$1.6468, its best since October 16, 1992 — exactly a month after Black Wednesday.

Government securities were in demand, rising by around £1 on the back of the City's perception that Chan-cellor Kenneth Clarke was prepared to take a tough line on inflation, despite the im-minent general election. Some analysts are already predicting another pre-elec-

or floods

ct held

Hoats cut

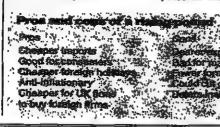
eht an

tion increase in interest rates, despite the seven-point rise in sterling since the middle of

the year.
The stock market continued to languish following last week's rise in base rates from 5.75 to 6 per cent. The FTSE 100 share index was down seven points at 3921.1, having fallen 100 points in six trading days. One factor behind the days. One factor behind the pound's strength was a big buy order from Japan, underlying a City view that, for the time being, sterling is the foreign exchange market's favourite currency, ylelding more than the yen and the mark and underpinned by the British economy's growth prospects.

The pound's rise has started to alarm British exporters, who will find life.

porters, who will find life even tougher in already competitive world markets. After the debacle of Black Wednesday, sterling fell by more than
15 per cent on its tradeweighted index before making a partial recovery in late





that if the pound stabilised at around 250 marks, and 91 on its trade weighted index, companies would be able to cope, but they stressed that they would be entering new terri-tory if the rise continued. They fear that a generous Budget might force another rise in interest rates, which

ing stable rates. Sterling's recent strength

in turn would force the pound

in turn would force the pound still higher.

Nigel Richardson, economist with City firm Yamaichi, said: "Sterling's rise is the result of a strong economy, low inflation, a Chancellor who has shown himself willing to raise raise, and a trade nosition that is under control. position that is under control. "There is not a lot to worry about on the sterling front. A Labour government is well discounted by the City and is

David . Coleman, at CIBC Wood Gundy, said that the combination of factors supporting the bullish sentiment looked "suspiciously like a 'win win' scenario for the pound", but he warned that the markets were not being consistent. On the one hand the pound was going higher on the back of possible fur-ther interest rate increases, yet the short sterling futures contract had rallied, suggest-

not seen as a threat."

will feature heavily in the Bank of England's inflation report, due to be published later today. The authorities used to have a rule whereby a four percentage point move-ment in the exchange rate was the equivalent of a one percentage point change in base rates, but the Bank now Retailing boost months, the first quarterly rise since 1995.
ONS officials revised upwards their estimate for factory sector beat off some of its troubles

Richard Thomas Economics Corres

ABRISK retail trade has hauled Britain's manufacturing sector out of recession, prompting government officials to paint a rosy picture of factory prospects for the first time this

year. Although business leaders warned that the strengthening pound could damage exports, the Office for National Statistics said buoyant domestic demand had pushed factory output up by 0.3 per cent in September, after it fell the previous month.

City analysts said the figures indicated the start of a fragile recovery for manufacturing firms. They pointed to a pick up in the three-monthly growth rates — seen as a more robust guide to trends — with pro-duction levels between July

the trend in manufacturing to an annual growth rate of 0.5 per cent, after 10 months of predicting unchanged output.

Mr Garrard said the figure showed that consum-

ers were driving demand for factory products, with the manufacture of durable goods 1.3 per cent higher between July and Septem-ber than in the previous quarter. There was a rise of 0.4 per cent in non-durables and 0.6 per cent in invest-ment goods.

The ONS said factories in

all sectors were feeling the benefits of slightly fuller order books, with engineer-ing firms pushing up production by 1.3 per cent be-tween July and September, and clothing companies cashing in on autumn new collections to boost output

by 1.7 per cent. Stronger manufacturing activity combined with a rebound in oil and gas extraction - as summer maintenance programmes wound down — pushed up total industrial production by 0.3 per cent between the second and third quarters.

St Michael runes



Alex Brummer

IR Richard Greenbury's Scomplaint about the stock market's appalling treatment of the half-year figures from Marks & Spencer may do him no good in the City. But he is nonetheless correct in making it.

The mark-down of M&S shares by 5 per cent — more than £700 million — after the company has produced a sales and profits performance one-third better than the retail sector overall and is to invest in customer service is prepos-terous. It exposes the City analysts, their inept forecasting and short termism to ridicule. For a company of M&S's size and maturity a profits increase of 11.6 per cent to £430 million in the first six months, with the best trading season still ahead of it, is more than an adequate return. The group's margins remain solid at 9.1 per cent the weakest spot in M&S's in-ternational spread — North America — is finally showing signs of turning round and overseas sales are remark

ably strong. With economic recovery starting to come through in Germany, where M&S is just opening up, and in France, the European investments should begin to pay suitable dividends next year.

What is perhaps most frustrating for Sir Richard and other M&S executives is the failure by the City to understand what the company is all about. The great outcry against the six month results further 2,000 customer service operators globally (in addition to 1,500 already amployed) to service the compa-ny's most important

The only reward it receives from the City for this sensible investment in people are ill-informed whinges about raising the cost structure of the business. It seems not to have occurred to the analysts that this is an investment which will pay off in improved sales and brand loyalty: brands being such a critical part of modern retailing.

M&S continues to invest

relentlessly in the future through store openings, store expansion, product development and overseas growth at a moderate, but increasing pace. This is more sensible use of shareholders funds than the trickery of special dividends, buy-backs and vesting institutions have be-

come so stuck.
There is dogged determina-tion inside M&S to stick with the task whether it be tack-ling Brooks Brothers (a huge error in its past) or growing financial services. But it is a long-term game. After a dozen years in the financial services sector profits are now coming longer-term prospects beyond through strongly, 25 per cent the current cycle.

a long time but now it is working: there are no instant results as Sainsbury and Tesco will soon learn.

Industry pounded

N SOME quarters it might be considered unpatriotic to bemoan the strength of ster-ling which is now luxuriating in territory not seen since June 1991. All kinds of creative reasons can be dreamed up for this; the strong relative performance of the UK economy visà-vis our European competitors; the pound as a petro-currency; a widening yield gap with Germany and others and flows of funds into the UK to pay for takeovers such as the Gehe offer for Lloyds

Chemists.
However, the only really convincing reason for the surge, certainly in the last week, is the Chancellor's surprise decision to raise base rates. It is increasingly clear that this was an error. A strong pound was always go-ing to provide better inflation protection than a rise in short-term interest rates.

long been operated by the Bundesbank and has been evident in the US this year, with Fed chairman Alan Greenspan happy to rest his laurels on a strong dollar even though the external sector of the economy is rela-

tively unimportant in the US. The real danger of an overshoot in sterling, encouraged by the prospects of further in-terest rate rises, is that it could deal damage to the real economy. It is easy to forget that the excellent confluence of economic circumstances is a

result of competitive currency.
If industry cannot see that, then investment plans will be postponed and, ironically, the bubble of domestic economy in house prices will be encouraged at the expense of manufacturing — the converse of what Kenneth Clarke intended. The Bank of England should use today's infla tion report briefing to call off the interest rate hawks.

Flying high

BRITISH Airways profits of £470 million for the first six months (details page 21) are impressive enough, although it is poss-ible that the group is near the top of the airline cycle.

BA signals one danger when it points to a 251 million increase in fuel costs. With crude oil prices running at levels 25 per cent above where they were this time last year that is a problem for the whole industry and, if sus-tained, the global economic expansion too.

The other interesting point about the BA statement is the optimism from chief executive Bob Ayling over the alli-This was always going to be difficult for Washington to deliver before an election but now the hope is that the regulatory hurdles can be crossed and an open skies deal between the US and UK done. That should underpin BA's

Majestic Wine, the warehouse style wine seller, is valued at £20.4 million by its flotation on the Alternative Investment Market with a placing price of 160p a share. Dealings will start next week. John Apthorp, a former Guardian Young Businessman of the year, who founded Bejam, will enjoy a second fortune of around £10 million - PROTOGRAPH DAVO SALITOE

Mystery firm in £1bn bet on market crash

Paul Murphy

RENZIED speculation swept the stock market last night as it emerged last night as it emerged that an un-named institutional investor — thought to be one of the UK's large life assurance companies — has taken a £1 billion bet on a market agree. market crash.

In a highly-complex options transaction on the London In-ternational Financial Futures Exchange — the details of which did not emerge until after the Stock Exchange had closed — the institution wasgered that the FTSE-100 index get a company is a likely to the company in the state of the company is a likely to the company in the state of the company is a likely to the company in the company is a likely to the company in the company is a likely to the company in the company is a likely to the company in the company in the company is a likely to the company in the compa of top companies is likely to low 3300, the institution of top companies is likely to fall by more than 15 per cent between now and June, 1997.

At the same time, the investor has taken a view that the stock market correction on a tor has taken a view that the main share index will not rise by more than 10 per cent from

its current level of 3921.
The options deal is believed

£7 billion mountain of unin-vested cash in anticipation of

trader" called Hill Independent Traders. The transaction involved the institution selling 35,000 June 4300 "call" option contion the right to sell the Foot-sie index at the 3300 level).

This is known as a "cylin-der" and did not involve the

par with the October 1987 crash, for example, would yield a profit in excess of

The options deal is believed to be the biggest ever witnessed on the Liffe derivatives market.

It follows last month's news that PDFM, British's second-largest manager of pensions money, has built-up a for every point over the 4300 level.

vested cash in anticipation of a sharp fall in share prices soon.

The mystery over yester day's deal deepened when it emerged that the transaction had been put together in total had been put together in total secrecy by a small Liffe "floor"

Dealers speculated that a life assurance company has carried out a huge "solvency trade" — a market mechanism through which the life company has locked in the value of its existing share boldings. Dealers speculated that a

Sparks fly as Marks flays 'naive' City

ROWING consumer confidence has kept Marks & Spencer on course for a record profit of more than £1 billion for the current year and triggered the recruitment of 2,000 extra

SHAIL.

Britain's largest retailer yesterday announced it had increased profit by 11 per cent to £430.1 million in the first half of the year but its share fell 5 per cent to 482p — wip ing £700 million off its stock market value - as the City calculated that the cost of employing the extra staff would lop £20 million-£30 million off full-year profits.

Analysts said that despite higher costs, the full year profit would reach about £1.12 billion. Chairman Sir Richard

Greenbury said he could not understand why the share price fell. Referring to some analysts' forecasts he said: "Presumably some people are disappointed that we didn't make a 21 per cent increase. Anyone who thought that we

could is a little naive."
Sir Richard agreed that the recruitment would increase costs, but said it was essential for customer service: "We offer quality. Sure, we could make more money by slashing costs, but I am not interested in the short term. I am of the extra staff had already been taken on, with the recruitment process to be completed by the end of

A spokeswoman said: "We believe we are giving customers a good service, but we think we need more staff in the busiest and most success-

ful stores." The employment boost comes on top of the 1,500 jobs created last year. The group, which also has stores in North America, continental Europe and Asia, sald UK sales were up 8.4 per cent to

£221 million. The group had

ing to be four years from clothing, and had maintained its position in foods.

Sir Richard said that spme Sir Richard said that overseas sales, including fran-chises, rose 12 per cent to £591 million. Initial sales at the group's first store in Ger-

many, which opened in Co-logue at the beginning of October, were well above Home furnishings benefited from the upturn in the UK housing market, with sales up 27 per cent, while food sales rose 6.6 per cent to £1.23 bil-

In Europe, profits rose 42 per cent to £11 million. M&S is to double its presence in Spain in the next two years

and further strengthen its po

Germans revive their £650m bid for Lloyds Chemists

HE 10-month battle for Lloyds Chemists entered its final round yesterday when Gehe, Europe's biggest drugs wholesaler, revived its £650.6 million cash bid for Britain's second biggest pharmacies chain.

Stuttgart-based Gehe, which had until Friday to re-bid for Lloyds, said it expected to succeed in the face of Unichem's rival £657 million cash-and-Unichem and Gebe bid against each other for Lloyds earlier this year, but the bids lapsed during a

competition authorities

after which the pair were | both allowed to re-bid. Relaunching the Gehe bid, chairman Dieter Kammerer made a flerce assault on Unichem, insisting that Lloyds shareholders would snub the British group in favour of the cash his com-

pany was offering. Mr Kammerer said Lloyds shareholders accepting Uni-chem's offer faced a considerable risk, as its shares had underperformed the market over the past two years, and that it would not

be able to achieve the same synergies as Gehe. He said: "Compare our cash with their paper — investors are well advised to take a good look at Uni-chem's shares, as they have

eroded shareholder value." Unichem hit back, insisting that it would be able to increase its offer if necessary. Jeffery Harris, Unichem's chief executive, said tht the improvement of sterling against the mark since the two bids were referred to the Monopolies Commission had made things much harder for

Geha. He said that Gehe had failed to restructure AAH the wholesaling business it acquired in 1994 — as com-pletely as it wanted to, had a significantly less efficient wholesale network and a smaller retail network. Mr Harris said: "If you

we've got plenty of banking facilities if we wanted to raise our bid, although I don't think the institutions that can deliver Lloyds to us want cash." Analysts said that at this

stage in the bid contest, either side stood a good chance of winning, although Gehe had the upper hand with its bid in cash only. Lloyds shares fell 5p to 511%p on news of the Gebe bid while Unichem gained 24p to 254p.
It has emerged in the

group's annual report that Allen Lloyd, chairman and founder of Lloyds Chemists, saw his salary and benefits package fall from 2648,000 to £525,000.

SIB sits on £2m compensation

Richard Miles ■ UNDREDS of elderly

investors with defunct retirement adviser Knight Williams are being de-nied speedy compensation because the Securities and Investments Board is sitting on £2 million of the firm's cash. Arthur Andersen, the liquidator for Knight Williams, yesterday told a meeting of about 100 investors and creditors that it would be unable to settle their claims until SIB decided to release the money. The £2 million was set aside for investors under an earlier compensation scheme established by SIB. This collapsed after Knight Williams & Com-

last year. Martin Pishman of Arthur Andersen said he was investigating "certain pay-ments made to directors and staff prior to the liquidation". A report on the KWAC directors' conduct had been sub-mitted to the Department of Trade and Industry.
Mr Fishman said he failed

"to follow SIB's arguments" for withholding the cash. He hoped to avoid legal proceed-ings against SIB to obtain the funds. SIB is believed to be sitting on the £2 million to protect it from the claims of other creditors, such as Knight Williams employees and directors, who as secured creditors take precedence over investors. The SIB yes-terday declined to say when pany (KWAC) went into vol- the funds were likely to become evallable.

untary liquidation in August TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS

Australia 2.03 Austria 17,02 Belgium 48,78 Canade 2,15 Cyprus 0,725 Denmark 9,34 Finland 7,41

Germany 2.419 Greece 384.70 Hong Kong 12.43 India 58.75 Irotano 0.999 Israel 5.34

laly 2,454 Malin 0.57 Netherlands 2.71 New Zealand 2.25 Norway 10.21 Portugal 245,45 Saudi Arabia 6.15

FirstBus is buying 914 new buses for £80 million. Chief executive Moir Lockhead, shown right with chairman Trevos

Whitbread backs minimum wage calls

lad King

ETER Jarvis, chief ex-ecutive of Whitbread, Britain's biggest non-burger restaurant business, yesterday backed calls for a minimum wage, claiming the group would have "no probwas introduced under a Labour government. Mr Jarvis, who also announced the creation of some 1.000 new full-time jobs by Whitbread over the next six half year pre-tax profits to months, said the minimum £177.5 million.

wage was "not a bad princi-ple" so long as it was introduced on a regional basis.

The leisure sector, in which Whithread is one of the biggest players, has been one of the flercest critics of the minimum wage. But Mr Jarvis said he did not find the prospect of a minimum wage "at

policy, came as Whithread announced a 14 per cent jump in | the country.

ons, star performer was Whitbread's restaurants and leisure division, which, helped by the acquisitions of Pelican Group and David Lloyd Leisure, notched up a 58 per cent rise in profits.

At the same time. Whitbread's brewing and pub in-Mr Jarvis's remarks, which cant improvements, which fly in the face of stated CBI Mr Jarvis said was due to the

He went on: "Customers are feeling better, with tax de- down 4p at 7361/2p.

Among individual divisi- | creases, rising house prices in most parts of the country, and the jobs situation less threatening. But they remain discerning, and we will not see a return to the profligate spending of the 1980s."

Meanwhile, Whitbread is shortly expected to announce the £50 million acquisition of group, which will result in the disappearance of Pizzagrowing feel-good factor in land from Britain's high

Whitbread shares closed

AT&T prepares to submit formal complaint to federal regulator

Americans attempt to halt BT's inroad

Financial staff

RITISH Telecom's plan to forge the biggest corporate merger in the history of the City was under threat yesterday as arch-rival AT&T prepared to lodge a formal complaint over the British company's £12 billion take-

over bid for MCL. BT chairman Sir Iain Vallance was yesterday meeting with the key US regulatory body, the Federal Communications Commission, in an attempt to head off the interven-tion by AT&T, which has the

The battlelines were being drawn up as AT&T yesterday confirmed that it would file its objections as soon as the FCC's investigation gets

and MCI, the second largest be done by autumn next year.

FCC to waive the restriction on foreign companies owning more than 25 per cent of a US

telecom group.
Opposition was building up on a second front as it emerged that two MCI share-holder groups have started legal action in a Delaware court aimed at halting the ambitious takeover move. MCI confirmed that the legal papers had been served. But a spokeswoman said the company had not yet found out the identity of the plaintiffs as courts were closed yesterday

for the US election. MCI's shares came under pressure yesterday as analysts and arbitrageurs claimed that getting regula-tory approval for the deal, es-pecially in the US, would be harder and would take longer than expected. The two comthat they expected the deal to

said one arbitrageur. "There are a lot of sellers of MCI. People are getting out, taking their profits now.

"I am ignoring the deal. It

is going to take a year and there are going to be a lot of opportunities along the way to get in at more advantageous prices than these."
The proposed creation of a

new global telecom super-power hit the shares of NTT. the Japanese domestic currier which, in revenue terms. ranks as the world's largest phone company.

Analysts believe that NTT is lagging behind its industry rivals as politicians dither about its future. The group is not licensed to expand overseas, and politicians are split between breaking up the group or giving it an interna-

partner with global reach.
BT has declared that NTT would be its preferred partner in the Far East. Its earlier hopes of using Hongkong Telecom as its Far East vehicle evaporated when its at-tempt at a ESI billion merger with Cable & Wireless col-

lapsed earlier this year. Linus Cheung, chief execu-tive of Hongkong Telecom, said he was not concerned by the BT-MCI merger. "Major alliance." — some work, some not." he said. "We must not confuse a confuse. not confuse activity with results. We are focused on

results and we do not do a deal for deal's sake. "Clearly it is a very good deal for MCI. I do not know if it is a good deal for BT. That pemains to be seen."

A new report on the Aslational licence.

The world's leading telecom groups are courting NTT in the hope that it will eventu-

Collision course for labour relations

Union-busting reputation a fear, say Seumas Milne and Nicholas Bannister

this week, BT's main Brit sh union — the Communi cation Workers (CWU) has reason to be nervous.

While up to 90 per cent of BT's 130,000 British em-ployees are unionised and the company has already set up a cross-border Euro-pean Works Council for employee consultation. MCI has a ferocious reputation as a US union-buster.

When the 600,000-strong Communication Workers of America (CWA), tried to orgamise a statutory ballot for union recognition in the late 1980s at MCI's Mid West regional calling centre, the company closed it overnight and sacked all 450 employ ees rather than face the prospect of legally-enforce

The confrontation drew John Conyers and led to the establishment of a "Jobs with Justice" campaign for non-violent action against US employers who refuse relations policy". The key basic employment and civil question for employees, he

OR all its company-loy-alist cheer-leading of the BT-MCI merger set-up at BT which, despite some efforts to weaken union representation since privatisation in 1984, still bears the mark of its previ-

> "Our first priority is to prevent the MCI philoso-phy seeping into BT," Roger Darlington, head of research at the CWU, says. "Our second challenge is to work to bring about a more

ous incarnation as a nation

unions on the MCl side."

The hope is that union support for the MCI-BT merger case to regulators in the US and Britain can be traded for representation rights on the US side of the tie-up. But Robert Stewart, MCI's public pollcy director, insists there will be no change: "We'll go on doing our thing and BT

will do its thing."
Larry Cohen. backs the British union ap-proach to what he calls MCI's "horrendous labour

a cut-throat competitive mar-

over the six-month period to bring its total of funds under

management to almost £36 billion. Most of the growth is coming from the UK pension

business where it has won more than 40 mandates to run defined contribution schemes, offering fixed pay-outs at the end of the invest-

But for all this its operating margin remains unchanged,

offset by the huge investment needed in running costs and

electronic gizmos. MAM staff also do not come cheap. But

even paying its top fund man-

needs all that spare cash.

Mercury Asset

Management

believes, should be: "does | rowed. BT has shed 110,000 this company respect col-lective bargaining rights on a global basis or not?

The contrast in the two firms' cultures partly reflects their origins at opposite ends of the commer-cial spectrum. BT grew up under the wing of a govern ment monopoly, but MCI, only founded in 1968, has

THE BIG DEAL



seeking to join the big league. Small, flexible and strong on marketing, it has won over 20 per cent share of the US long-distance organisation director, market, previously dominated by AT&T and expects and workforce will be able to take on more staff as it to adapt to that without expands with BT.

between them has nar- remains to be seen.

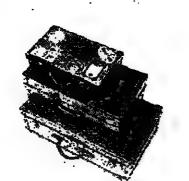
jobs since 1991 to keep profits buoyant, while MCI has tripled the number of its employees to 52,000 over

the past decade. Further MCI growth is unlikely to compensate for the extra BT redundancies its chief executive Sir Peter Bonfield says will result from merger, though these are expected to be relatively modest compared to the jobs lost over the past

five years. The BT takeover of MCI has been structured to reduce cultural conflict and great care has been taken to give the impres-sion that it is a merger of near equals, though BT's market value is twice that of MCI. At BT boardroom level, there will be the sweetener of boosted sala-

ries to match MCI levels. BT is hoping that it will be able to speed its penetration of new markets in Europe with the help of MCI's well-established marketing skills. Yet MCl is used to doing things at a faster pace than its partner. stooping to MCI's more ex-In recent years the gap treme management style

besides the American Express Card, what else gets replaced



When you carry the American Express Charge Card, you take with you the knowledge that you have coverage" for some very important things. Such as compensation for lost or delayed luggage. Coverage for the cost of food and accommodal incurred for scheduled flights that get delayed for for hours or more. 1,700 Travel Service location worldwide ready to help you with advice and arrangements. Our Global Assist service, which can refer you to an English-speaking doctor or lawyer virtually anywhere in the world, twenty-four hours a day. All these, and many more, designed to replace concern with confidence.



To find out how we can help you



Manager needs Results in brief to look to own balance sheet

Outlook

1125p still underlines how MAM has yet to impress the City that it has got to grips with its short-term strategy. The underlying problem, perhaps, is that MAM has become such a high-profile player (remember the swing role its stake in Forte played in determining the outcome of the Granada bid) that it needs to surprise for the share price to move forward. Patrick Donovan

T IS richly ironic that the City's premier fund man-ager, which looks after investments equivalent to 4 per cent of the entire value of the London Stock Exchange, is making such a lacklustre job of managing its own money. its bloated balance sheet has swallen by more than £73 million to £261.6 million over the past six months — the increase coming mainly from the realising of unspecified

MAM may have generated a 17-fold return for share-holders since shares were listed in 1987. But this huge cash balance hardly lives up cash balance hardly lives up to MAM's much-trumpeted determination to reap value for investors. As one distillusioned analyst calculates, MAM could have earnedt an extra £70 million over the past six months by investing just half the surplus cash in its own shares.

its own shares.
Indeed, some kind of share buyback or special dividend now looks as if it is being seriously considered. Another alously considered. Another alternative is an acquisition. This week's invesco-AIM deal underlines the pace of restructuring going on in the fund management world. Undoubtedly, MAM has targets lined up, but chairman Hugh Stevenson insists that no deal is imminent although the US remains the most likely remains the most likely region for expansion.
The third possibility is that

MAM is remaining liquid be-cause it fears a downturn in the market, It is known that It has turned more bearish on the FTSE following the recent interest rate correction. But this scenario is so sensitive for such a major player as MAM that on its market forecasts, Mr Stevenson wisely is making no public comment.

Some profit taking was in-evitable as MAM has been trading near a year's high before the announcement of yes-terday's half-time results. But the 17.5p fall in shares to

£640 million. — Keith Harper

Paris court clears way for BA takeover

A PARIS commercial court yesterday cleared the obstacles to a British Airways bid for the troubled French domestic airline. Air Liberté, which has debts of £300 million, by deciding not to

wind down the company. Robert Ayling, BA's chief executive, welcomed the court decision, which means that BA has about a month to negotiate with the crippled airline's creditors. The ruling is good news for BA, whose alliance with American Airlines is dogged by political indecision. From its base at Orly, Air Liberté last year carried 2.6 million passengers, about 12 per cent of the French domestic market. A takeover would give BA's French subsidiary, TAT, 22 per cent of slots behind Air France's 37 per cent. BA yesterday announced pre-tax profits of £470 million for the six months to the end of September, up 9.3 per cent on the £430 million reported a year ago. But the results were clouded by a £51 million rise in fuel costs, which led analysts to reduce their estimates on BA's final profits from £570 million to £640 million. — Keith Harper decision, which means that BA has about a month to negotiate

Anglian to fight windfall tax

And the half time profit jump of 29 per cent to \$31.8 million exactly matched analyst's expectations. As did the ap jump in the dividend to 10p, reflecting the decision to rebalance the size of the half and full-time payout.

More generally, MAM is still managing to carve out more market share in what is a cut-timeter competitive men. ANGLIAN Water warned Labour yesterday that it would challenge the party's tax on windfall profits "in the courts". Speaking as the company turned in half-year profits up 5.5 per cent to £132.7 million, on turnover of £413.3 million, group managing director Alan Smith said Anglian is taking legal advice to establish the constraints on legislation planned by Labour.

A windfall tax would limit Anglia's ability to raise funds for extra investment, said Mr Smith. — Chris Borrie ket. It won more than £2 billion worth of new business

Dairy Crest laps up £16.5m

THE Dairy Crest milk and cheese group, part of the old Milk Marketing Board until floated in August, pushed its profits up 7 per cent to £16.5 million in the six months to September 30— thanks to a strong performance by its consumer foods division. This lifted profits 42 per cent to £12.9 million.

The group said the market for mature and farmhouse cheddar cheeses, which it sells under the Cathedral City and Davidstow brands, increased by 15 per cent. The market for dairy spreads, where it has the Clover brand, grew 14 per cent. It plans an aggressive marketing campaign for both. This division's growth offset a £1.1 million drop to £6.4 million in operating profit in the company's food services unlit.— They May

HK Telecom results jump

agers seven-figure salaries still doesn't explain why MAM HONGKONG Telecom, 58 per cent owned by Cable & Wireless, yesterday reported a 12.7 per cent Jump in first balf pre-tax profits but admitted that operators of call-back services were eating into its business. Call-back services enable customers to take advantage of cheaper international phone charges in other countries. A short outgoing call triggers a return call from the cheaper country, with the bill going to the original caller.

short onegoing can triggers a return call from the cheaper country, with the bill going to the original caller.

HKT had responded to the challenge of call-back services by reducing international call charges. Overall HKT's profits rose to HK\$6.3 billion (£500 million) before tax on humover 9.3 per cent up at HK\$15.9 billion. — Nicholas Bannister

BP 'easy money' warning

BRITISH Petroleum warned the Chancellor and the Opposition yesterday not to regard levying additional taxes on the oil and gas yesterday not to regard levying additional taxes on the on any gas industry as an easy way to raise money. David Simon, chalrman, said that government should instead see the long-run benefits of a tax regime that will produce an additional 1 million barrals of oll a year. Mr Simon was commenting on BP's third-quarter profits of £650 million. Profits for the first nine months of the year before acceptionals reached a paper of 1 tax million.— Colin Weston. exceptionals reached a record £1,931 million. — Celia Weston

Whelan, wealthy head of the JJB sports empire and a former president and sponsor of the RL club, said: "We have put a proposition to their board of directors and they are pondering on that right now. If, and it's a big if, they agree to join forces with Wigan Athletic, we would hope to redevelop Central Park into a top stadium for both clubs."

Woosnam back to basics

COLIN MONTGOMERIE and Ian Woosnam were one stroke off the lead after the first round of the Johnnie Walker Super Tour in the lead after the first round of the Johnnie Walker Super Tour in Taipei yesterday. The top two Europeans both had four-under-par rounds of 68, but three players — Ernie Els of South Africa, Lin Kengchi of Taiwan and Park Nam-sin of Korea — went one better. Woosnam, meanwhile, is to put off surgery on his bad back after a specialist told him he could keep on playing. "I have a vertebra that wants coming out, but it can wait for two or three years. I am going to keep on playing and put up with the sposms and back pain," the 38-year-old Welshman said.

Lai Shan Lee rules the waves

THE Women's World Sailor of the Year award went last night to Lai Shan Lee, who won the gold medal in the boardsailing at the Olympics, urites Bob Fisher. She took home the first gold medal to be won by Hong Kong in any Olympic sport, but she could not attend to collect her award because she is racing this week. Jochen Schumann of Germany, who won his third Olympic gold in the Soling, was voted World Sailor of the Year, he won his first gold in 1976 in the Finn class and his second in the Soling in 1988.

Sad journey for Morgan

DARREN MORGAN arrived back in Britain yesterday to discover that his mother Cynthia had died. The snooker international had delayed his return from Bangkok to belp Wales qualify for the World Cup quarter-finals, but less than 90 minutes into his flight to Heathrow there was news that she had died of cancer in a

Gravity test for cider county

DERMOT REEVE plans to adopt the scientific approach in his attempt to launch a successful coaching career with Somerset. The man who made trophy-winning a habit as captain of Warwickshire has signed a three-year contract with the cider county and is determined to whip them into an equally formidable force, writes David Foot.

Reeve, 33, met the players last night armed with diet sheets and training programmes for the winter to ensure that they report back fitter than ever. To that end he has persuaded a club whose past greats have tended to be more at home in the beer tent than the gymnasium to introduce a financial incentive scheme for players to achieve peak condition.

Ed Giddins will have his appeal against a 20-month ban heard at Lord's on Friday. The 25-year-old England A fast bowler was dismissed by Sussex after testing positive for cocaine. Brian Lara will captain West Indies for the first time in a limited-overs match against Western Australia today, taking over from Courtney Walsh, who is rested for the second match of the tour.

Racing

Grey Shot a brave seventh as European runners are eclipsed in Australia. Ken Oliver reports

Saintly gives Cummings tenth Cup win

CREY SHOT, one of Brit-ain's bravest horses, ran the race of his life to finish seventh in the Melbourne since April."

Cup at Flemington yesterday.
Oscar Schindler, "the good thing" according to the punters and the whinging Australian trainers, started 4-1 favourite but could finish only 15th, while Peter Chapple-Hyam's Court Of Honour trailed in 20th of the 22

The £684,211 two-mile handicap went to Saintly, an 8-1 shot, who gave the leg-endry Australian trainer Bart Cummings his tenth win in

Grey Shot, with Pat Eddery in the saddle, set out to make all the running but was swallowed up in the home straight, with Saintly forging clear in the final furlong to score by two and a quarter

Eddery was well pleased with his mount's performance, explaining: 'It was really good, I really enjoyed it, very exciting. He gave me a wonderful ride to the control of th wonderful ride, it's just a shame he doesn't like fast ground. The speed horses just came and got him for a turn of

England's champion-elect jockey paid tribute to the winner, saying: "I was very impressed with the way he quickened up. He came there cruising. He's obviously a high class horse."

Oscar Schindler was the big disapointment. Mick Kinane, who pursuaded owner Oliver Lehane to bring the colt to Melbourne instead of going for the more lucrative Breeders' Cup Turf in Toronto, said the horse had appeared per-fectly well settled before the

"You have to take a stand and take a decision. We felt, not just me but Kevin Prendergast (the trainer), that he was the right horse. At his very best you would have expected him to beat them. "I asked him for an effort

coming out of the home turn,

Cummings, who will be honoured with the presentation of a special commemora tive Cup to mark his 10th success in the race, plans to send Saintly to contest the

Japan Cup on November 24
The 68-year-old trainer,
who scored the first of his 10 Melbourne Cup wins in 1965 with Light Fingers and his previous with Let's Elope five years ago, had faced ques-tions before the race over Saintly's ability to stay the course.

"This horse stays well, so let's have a go for the Japan Cup with him," he said. "This is very special and I savour it very much. He is a very relaxed horse and it is a great thrill for me to be here on this tenth occasion of winning the

Cup."

Back home, yesterday's main attraction was the William Hill Haldon Gold Challenge Cup Chase at Exeter where Travado was attempting to win the valuable race for the fourth year running. However, Absalom's Lady,

who was beaten three lengths by Travado in the race two years ago, put herself in line for a tilt at the season's top jumping prizes with a brilliant victory.

The grey, who used to be trained by David Elsworth, was making her debut for Gay

Kelleway and, backed from 16-1 to 8-1, proved too strong for Coulton under a fine ride from David Bridgwater. Held up in the early stages, Absalom's Lady made steady

headway at halfway before nipping past Coulton after the fifth last and staying on strongly, despite an error two out, to score by two and a half There was a further length and a quarter back to Pimber-ley Place, the 66-1 outsider,

third place. The winner was competing but it was short-lived. This from 17% out of the handicap, was a disappointment and I but her trainer said: "I wasn't

who short-beaded Travado for



Jump for joy . . . Darren Beadman leaps off Saintly after their Melbourne Cup triumph

King George VI Chase may prove a better race. "Fil con-

against her," she said.

PHOTOGRAPH; STEVE HOLLAND

Kelleway reckoned the Fool's Errand and Tony McCoy took the William Hill Devon & Exeter Handicap Chase, run over an extended sider that race as a target as she likes that type of sharp right-handed track and I don't think three miles would be two and threequarter miles, in clear-cut style by seven lengths from Class of

Tony Balding, who trains the winner, said: "He's made the transition from novice company to handicap well. I thought he was fairly handicapped and another plus is that he was in with a lot of orses who need three miles."

Haydock National Hunt card with form guide

:lears

akeove

114541511111

10 £10.55

interior

4.15 Marello					
===					
vi Decetes Misiers. Goings Good (Good in Sun in pinces) Pigares in insulates after horsels many decete days about M.H. coting					
_	MINISTRUM JUVIDIOLE HOVICES' NUMBER 21'D Sm C2.66'	-			
1 2	22 ALWAYS HAPPY (BS) (BF) M Pipe 11-1 APPEAL AGAIN D Burchel 11-0 BALLYKISSAMGEL M Sycrol 11-0	DJ Byroleii			
i	2 FALCON'S PLANE (21) Mrs J Remeden 11-0				
7 8	CHOCKSHIC BEAYS 14-0				
10 11 13	F ROYAL THEM (\$55) J Howle 11-0	B DWYS.			
18	STAR BLAKERIKY G Bernett 11-0	T Boy			
15	WNGTHINELLINIARRY J Berry 11-0	in Liefferd			

TOP FORE TIPE Palagray Plants G, Aleman Happy 7, Royal Yann 6 1896: Varia 11 & J Lamar S-5 (A C Pipe) 7 cm lings 7-4 Falcon's Fische, 7-2 Always Happy, 6-1 Mellemison, 6-1 Globe Rumer, 10-1 Hoyel Tean, 12-

PORTIC GUIDES - PALCORES PLANSIN Handway 4 cel, soon chicking loaders, kept on ann pace from 2 cel, 2nd of 19, 3 by Legen, GLOBE RURNERS dit of 19, bits 15 (Westerdy 2m now hid, Gd-Pm)

AUMAY'S RAMPETS IN topols, led briefly 6th, Chance last, no seria for, bits 3 by 6th Boardes (Newton Addo),
2nt now bit, Gd-Pm).

90YAL THERE Led 6th to 3 cel, 4th and weakening when fell 2 cel in risce won by Agdistat (Wiscoster 2m now hid, Gd-Pm).

90YAL THERE Led 6th to 3 cel, 4th and weakening when fell 2 cel in risce won by Agdistat (Wiscoster 2m now hid, Gd-Pm).

90YAL THERE Led 6th to 3 cel, 4th and weakening when fell 2 cel in risce won by Agdistat (Wiscoster 2m now hid, Gd-Pm).

90YAL THERE Led 6th to 3 cel, 4th and relation when hit 3 cell legs on, 3rd of 19, 6th 51, to Gottage Prince
Falconiness 2m now hid, Gd)

1.45 PRESTOR AMATRIA PROPER HARDICAP HORDLE 2n of \$2,700

Turnel Receivance Senior e noi e mr in in independe e-e (une in investory) e com Beofing 4-d Palosanno, 3-j Trans Wind, B-2 Comarder, 12-1 ZDy Your Lip. Promei GUESSE - PALOSANTO: Led Zed to leat, hard ridden and got up near finish, best Gardio a verti, ZP YOUR LIP Zin of 12, bin 28 (Excler 28:5110) nov hd., Gd)

Results

271.18.
3.46 (Zmn 3f Melle): 1, 2AH. SY THE STARS, R Duteroody (S-1); 2, Dark Hight-Impale (13-81ay); 3, Emileness Mirror (Z-1). 7 (An. 5, 1) (T Forser) Tote: Di 40; 24.30. (2) (D. Daulf F El.30, CSF C15.73. 4.16 (Zmn 1f 110)yddy 5, CHARADUFF MOLL, I. Suthern (14-1); 2, Potter's Gale Evens tovic 2, Insal Jonathan (20-1), 14 (An. C) 10. Duel F. 28.90. CSF 175.73.
4.16 Chm 1f 110 year 7, CHMRADUFF
MOLL, L Suthon (14-1); 2, Potter's Gain
(Evens tay); 3, Just Jasemine (20-1), 14 ran.
(K. 35, (N. Turiston-Davies) Tota 115.75.
(K. 36, (N. Turiston-Davies) Tota 115.75.
(K. 36, (N. Turiston-Davies) Tota 115.75.
(K. 36, (N. Turiston-Davies) Total 115.75.
(K. 36,

1.35 (1m): 1, EPIC STAND, F Lynch (8-1); 2, Desible Emphasso (5-2 fav): 3, Castles Bareling (10-1): 4, Time Cas Tell (10-1): 18 ER. 1, IX. (Mrs J Rémaden) Yote: (5.60;



E2.60, E1.10, E2.10, E2.40, Dubl F: C36.20; Tric: C199.80, CSF: C31.22 Tricast: C206.69. 2.08 (70° 1, TAVSBER, W Hyan (4-1); 2.09 (70° 1, TAVSBER, W Hyan (4-1); 2.79; To The Stears: G3-1 tav); 3, Passadan Reder (10-1), 16 ran. 1. 2, (E) Dunloy Toke: S1.80; C1.80, C3.10, Dubl F: C13.40. Tric: C33.00, CSF: C18.0, E3.10, Dubl F: C13.40. Tric: C33.00, CSF: C18.0, E3.10, Dubl F: C13.40. Tric: C33.00, CSF: C18.0, E3.10, Dubl F: D49.50, Tric: C30.70, CSF: C18.0, Tricast: C36.40, C18.10, C19.10, C19.50, C

1.55 (2m Gh): 1, 181AZE, OR EUST, M Deyer (5-0): 2, 181AZE, OR EUST, M Segma Run (5-1): 8 ran, Nt. 18. (P Wabber) Tola: 24.40; 1.40, E.120, 21.70; Dual F; 27.80. Tyle: 229,10, CSF: 29.04, NR: Amando. 116: [23.10 Car. 120. | ROSENHALL, G. Hogan (33-1): 2, Wanasead (4-1): 3, Catalon (7-2): 7-4 say Dacolo. 9 ran. Na. 2, (Alta 7 Pillosgoon) Tota: 073-30; 221-40, 21-90, C1-50, Duel F: 2174-70. Trics: 277-90. CSF:

ETBS. 12.

2.55 (2)m 31 Note; 1, DESCRIT FORCE, G
PLAGOY (1-4 lay); 2, Come Famir (9-2); 3,
Notice Many Doll (9-2), 7 pt. 6, 2, (A
Strooter) Tota: 2330; 22.00, C3.10, Dual P.
ET2.00, CSP: ETB.09. 2.12.00. USP: [18.09. 3.25 (2m 4f 110-da Ch): 1, DRUM-STICK, C O'Deyer (5-4), (inished alone. 4-7 fav Man Mood. 2 ran (K Badey) Toles C1.80. NR: Mine's Aq Ace. C1.80. NR: Mine's Aq A69.
3.55 (Zire Midle): 1, PORTSCATHO, 3 Curren (10-3): 2, Red Light (5-1): 3, Bir Poppleton (4-1). 9-4 tay Alpine Mist. 8 ran. Mic. 11. (A Jónes) Tota: 64.21; 23, 16, 52.10. Dual F: £13 60. CSF: £19.18. NR: Fatries Farawell.

2.15 hadio city handicap chase \simeq 25,365

vorried about her being out |

of the handicap as she's class.
"She's in the Murphy's Gold

Cup at Cheltenham on Satur-day week, but that might come a bit quick for her and

we'll have to see how she comes out of this race."

1 2 142 - NO PAIR NO GAIR (200) (0) 3 GOEST (-1) - 10
2, 4(291 STATELY HOUS (4) (5th er) (5) P Sowen 5-11-10
3 531485- PATS MINISTREE (1983) (D) R Champins 11-17-0
4 00012-1 EASTERN MAGIC (18) (3) G Sarred 8-10-0 R Parant
4 rueners
TOP POINT T(På: Stately House S, No Pale No Cale 7
1896: Emiliarpo 7 11 10 M A Fitzgerald 1-7 (Miss II C Knight) E rac
Bettings 7-4 Stately House, 2-1 Eastern Magic, 9-4 No Pain No Gain, 18-1 Pats Minatral.
FOREI QUIDE - STATELY BOREN Made all, left clear litt, unchallenged, best Joe Witte 10 (Wetherby 204110) hos ch. Gol.
BASTISSIN BASIC: Headeny 7th, led bast, baseled first, led post, best STATELY HOME a short head Streeterd 201111 by hea ch. Gol.
BED PAIN NO GASEs Chared feeder, led approaching lest, stayed on, best Montrave 21 (Ayr 2m nov ch, Str.) PATE INSTITUTES Always behind, tailed off, Sin of 7, distance behind James The Part (Newton Abbot armito) has ch, 64-56.
2.45 WARRINGTON NOVICEF BRIDLE 2 CLO11

4	5 WARRINGTON NOVICES BURDLE See CLO1 1 453-13 NORDIC BURDLE (10) (D) (Br) M Pros 4-11-4	· WWW.
÷	ADVANCE EAST V Dots 4-10-17	R Secole
•	440- GALEN (242) Nes M Reveloy 5-10-12	- Dies
i.	6- GRANDBIANE (247) J G76H 4-10-25	Bellesk (8)
1	C- HEIGHTH OF FAME (184) D Burtled 5-10-12	D J Burchell
-	P- INTENDANT (286) J FitsGerald 4-10-12	ii Dayar
;	63-5 PERTLANDS FLYER (11) N Twister-Device 5-19-12	C Hands
4	ROOD MUSIC M Meagher 5-10-12	L Weer
:	ROYRACE W Briscourie 4-10-12	
	SCOTT'S RISK I. Barras 6-10-12	S Wyees
10 11		- R Count
22	0 SHOALA (11) J (**Meil 5-10-12	A Rocke
	STAR SELECTION J MICH 5-10-12	E Husbard (2)
13	1004- THREE WILD DAYS (228) T Total 4-10-12	R Correlly
14	CLINCOLD MEN'S A Forbus 6-10-7	T Bey

1995; Scilly Cay 6 11 5 A Schille 7-2 (G Richards) 7 ran

3.15 BADIO CITY BANDICU! HUNDLE 24 52,744 27:5457- 84350444. 391,5960048 (1993) (29) M Pips 6-12-0 0:1547- LORD RECHERCHER (1993) J Reclared 5-11-9 0:0521- THURRIDAY MINERT (2002) J Reclared 5-11-7 0:05365- COOL LURKE (2112) (30) F Marphy 7-11-5 211021- CRAI-FO (2223) J Old 8-11-3 211021- CRAI-FO (2223) J Old 8-11-3 TOP FORM TUPS: Se

F3-1(12) JEPPEREAL VERTARIS (13) Vanete, Williams 6-11-12 GEFGU- CRESSEV OBJOCIES (247) J Mandram 9-11-2 39494-3 JEVET (247) J Mandram 9-11-2 ROYAL PAUSE (247) JEVET 11-12 111500- WISSLEY WOUSER(199) J WisSon-Davies 6-11-2

sov ch. Fm). CHIBRAY CRICKIO: 4th of 15, box 14, to Shakmby's Droson (Killsmoy 2md ch. gd-Fm). 1)- MARKELO (200) Mrs M Raveley 5-11-10 . 3/- Sprinced Tests (667) J. Jelleron 6-11-6 .

TOP PORM TIPE Marallo D, Related Total 7.

Bangor 2011 KHF, Go-Fm).

•Blinkered today for the first time: NEWTON ABBOT: 1.55

Kempton (N.H.)

3.05 Curtain Angle 3.35 FIRST THYRE (nap) 1.35 USIN NOWL CHONCES HURBLES 2- EF C2.250 0- CHECKS AND STRIPES (266) C Weedon 5-10-1 3 /0/3322 - DOM:NOS RIPES (238) Mrs H Walter 7-10-10

4	FAST FORWARD FRED L Morraque Hell 5-10-10
5	USSP- KRATON GARDEN (200) T Ceesy 4-10-10E Morphy
	1240- MILLERSFORD (203) N Gaseles 6-10-10 R Knewskeit
7	MOUNTAIN PATH N Herderson 5-10-10N A Figure 1
	30- QUAFF (299) J Griord 5-10-10
9	0815- SPRING DOUBLE (166) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-10
10	0PG-44 ZUNO FLYER (1.5) A Moore 4-10-10
11	0-5 QUARE DREADS (10) T Casty 5-10-5
12	(7) Andrew Turnell 5-10-5
12 ros	
PORM	TIPS: Dossiece Ring S, Gunff T, Millersford 6
1906	Wisky Worder 5 10 10 C Marcin 7-4 (N A Twiston-Device) 6 ran
Bettle	gs 7-2 Dominae Ring, 8-2 Quell, 5-1 Spring Double, 6-1 Milleretard, 7-1 Mountain Peth, 10-1 Winnow.
2.0	5 JOHNSONS INTERNATIONAL HOYICEY CHASE Sm C3,518
•	S2411F- BARONET (201) D Micholson 6-11-0 A Microleo
	3/11/7" DAUGUTE (12/17) U TEXHOUGH 0-1/14

2013 THE MARIONIET (2013 D MICROBON 6-13-0 MARPHA CALSTIE CHRIEF (16) (86) J GROOT 7-13-0 MICROBIO CALSTIE CHRISF (16) (86) J GROOT 7-13-0 201221- OURODINETELLOW (917) R Curts 7-13-0 MPPRES PARI LANGETTAINSM (1863 T Charts 7-13-0 .If Hide .III A Film .D Morris 1995: Rez To The Rescent 7 11 0 5 Monett 20-1 (R Albert 7 mm 2.35 MINOR SPLECT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' CLAMING HARDLE 2m 12,234 2121-11 INDIAN JOCKEY (15) (0) M Pape 4-11-13 __ 22215 PAIR OF JUCKS (4) (0) G L Moore 6-11-7 840-45 MIGHT IN A MELLOW (7) 5 Woodman 5-11-1

lettings 1-3 Indian Jockey, 4-1 Pair Of Jacks, 6-1 Last Laugh, 12-1 Highly in A Million, 50-1 Adian 2-1573 CERTARIA BARGEL (145) (0) P Hobbs 7-11-10
P25*11P- MASTER ORCHESTRA (270) (3) Mess H Knight 7-11-7
133-22* PAPER STAR (18) M Hougeridge 9-11-7
81:U4-4 Solkshigt (10) M Henderson 9-11-4
P4655-5 NEVADA GOLD (16) (0) F Yardby 10-11-4
5-02112 OSBINGULLUR (20) (20) (37) RF N Selley 7-11-0
221-1100 FURNICHEON GALE (119) (8F) R Curis 9-10-10

PORM TIPS: Curtain Angle 8, Master Orobestra 7 1855: Olign Vale 6 10 2 W Marseum R-1 (Mrs. J Planton) Y ran ttings 9-4 Mester Orchestre. 11-4 Certain Angle, 9-2 Drumpdian, 7-1 Ner Olere, 12-1 Function Gale. 40/0-12 FINETHYNE (11) 6 Herwood 7-11-0 0935 NET TO MOYADE (200) M Withson 5-11-0 253/45- BY JAMYS (277) J Glory 7-11-0 4/6/19- MYSTIC ISLE (281) M Gaseles 6-11-0 15196- BYSTIC ISLE (281) M Gaseles 6-11-0

FORM TIPS: Greenback & Fine Tigget 7, Nordanek 8
1956: Even Finer 6 11 3 E Merphy 10-11 (T Caney) 5 ran
Bettileg: 2-1 Fine Tiyne, 9-4 Greenback, 4-1 Nordanek, 5-1 Mr Jervis, 5-1 Sonset And Vine, 10-1 Key Yo Moyade.

1 PRESTA MAGAZHEI MANDICAP MICEDIA 3m 110yda 52
1 PRESTA MAGAZHEI MANDICAP MICEDIA 3m 110yda 52
2 PREZZSG- OLCAM HAWRI (256) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-11
3 3/18-01 OLYMPIAN (11) (03) J Nevide 9-11-2
4 2/-3120 PREJEREDGE (12) M Maggeridge 7-10-13
5 11111 SEARMAND (27) M Pios 4-10-10
6 3-11515 WOYTLASHARMELES (11) J Montague Mad 5-10-9
7 8/PRFP-3 GPVIS A CALL (18) J Geford 8-10-7
8 10022 ADDEM (183) B SERIOS 6-10-5
9 3/3662 HARDENG (200) S Melox 5-10-0 o Topinano TOMBI TIPS: Simbrani S, Otypinan 7, Obrah A Call 6 1996: Wee Windy 6 90 B P Main 10-1 (J Gallanti) 50 min Setting 5-2 Olympian. 3-1 Shabrasi, 6-1 Gival A Call, 7-1 Octan Haw Robbidos.

Fallon at the Jockey Club

TEREN FALLON appears
before the Disciplinary
Committee of the Jockey Club
for five days for making insuftoday to answer a charge of misleading the committee at an earlier hearing.

Newton Abbot (N.H.)

3.25 Prop 3.65 Chief 6

8200-4 CASTLECONNER (2T) F FOR 3-10-10
1889-23 COPPER COIL, (7) W Turner 6-10-10
1983- DESIDER'S PROPILES (676) N Twitton-Dewise 6-10-10
502- KARICLEIGH HAN (220) P Hobbs 6-10-10
4456-2 KEHDAL CAVALIER (14) G Bedring 6-10-10
2002-4 INS-TARK, (23) R Baber 4-10-10
R2: RARE SPREAD (56) (BF) M Pap 6-10-10 HOPPERDANTE T George 6-10-5
56POP-4 PENNANT COTTAGE (28) Mas K Whitehouse 8-10-5
2-PSSR UP THE TEMPO (70) Paddy Farrel 7-10-5

1.55 OLD TRAFFORD SELLING HANDIGAP HURDLE 2m 11 CH.866 1-55 OLD TRAFFORD SELING NAMERIAP HURDLE 2m (1 N),
201 24650-TOUCH SILVER (187) (D) H Manner 5-12-0
22-2-050F SOVERRUCH MICHE (16) (CD) H Pipe 5-11-2
200 494-421 GLOWENG PATH (4) (CD) R Hodges 6-10-12
200 494-421 GLOWENG PATH (4) (CD) R Hodges 6-10-12
200 494-421 GLOWENG PATH (4) (CD) R Fipe 5-10-10
200 6-659- ALICETS EMPROR (212) (D) K Bishop 7-10-3
207 5100H- AL RAAL (1200) R O'Sulfivor 7-10-7
208 22470J- BOYAL STANDARD (282) P RIOP 0-10-6
209 HFFH-P COLOUR SCHEME (21) H Howe 9-10-4
210 HH-SF HIDAN SHORN (26) R FORCE 12-10-0
211 9-4506 SCALP PER (20) P Printed 6-10-0
212 PUPPPI- MITA'S CHOICE (705) A RESCORES 6-10-0
212 PUPPPI- MITA'S CHOICE (705) A RESCORES 6-10-0

Pattings 5-2 Musewell, 11-4 Glowing Path, 4-1 Nordic Crown, 8-1 Alles's Mirror, 10-1 Touch Saver, 12-1 Lovereign Niche, Al Hael. 12 remarks. 201 312-41 BR PLAYFULL (14) R Fros 5-11-5
502:8- ARRER SPARK (2003) D Gandolfo 7-10-12
508: PS ELLS WOOD (20) A Dum 7-10-12
509: PS ELLS WOOD (20) A Dum 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (14) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (14) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (14) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (14) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B Rystl 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B RYSTL 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B RYSTL 7-10-12
509: P04-64 (COLUMNY REPORT (16) B

BY STATE OF THE STATE OF T

2.55 MARCIAYS MARK THE HOMCEST HURBLE 2m 87 CLASS ALONE MOME C Nam 5-10-10

ALONE MOME C Nam 5-10-10

ASHLEY HOUSE B MINHAR 7-10-10

OD- BED FOR TOOLS (229) A Newtombe 4-10-10

(PDS3-4 HAL FREZ (15) A Berron 8-10-10

APEZ MINAMARK (20) C Pophen 6-10-10

OB MORRICEVA (77) Paddy Faret 6-10-10

221- MR COTTOR BOCKS (2005) R Fred 8-10-10

OB POR MAYALATION P Nichols 4-10-10

08046-0 OTTER FRINCE (11) T George 7-30-10

OF- MISS SECRET (350) C Michiel 6-10-5

ALPO-RABBROW POUNTAM (324) G Ham 9-10-6

324-5 SEYMOURSWEST (377) D Gendblo 6-10-5

324-5 SEYMOURSWEST (377) D Gendblo 6-10-5

ALDO-RABBROW FOUNTAM (324) R LENGT 8-10-5

ALDO-RABBROW FOUNTAM (325) R LENGT 8-10-10

ALD-RABBROW FOUNTAM (325) R LENGT 8-10-10

ALDO-RABBROW FOUNTAM (325) R LENGT 8-10-10

ALDO-RABBROW FOUNTAM (325) R LENGT 8-10-10

3.25 WILLIAM HILL TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLE 2m 11 C3,420 51127- FROGRANCH (214) (20) R Politips 6-13-0
10723- CADOUROLD (214) M Pior 5-11-7
10723- CADOUROLD (214) M Pior 5-11-7
10723- CADOUROLD (214) M Pior 5-11-7
10723- MORESTOCK (4) R Piorres 6-10-8
107315- HOLDISCLOSE (188) (0) R Frost 6-10-8
1079754- LACKEMBARK (19) Miss M Ringht 8-10-3
107105- WORLD EXPRESS (183) (D) B Millman 8-10-0

Suttings 11-4 Prognarch, 3-1 Cadougold, 5-1 Mouse Bird, Holdsrecione, 8-1 Monstock, Lacturders, 10-1 World Express.

901 8/224- Bold JRR (242) 7 Nepols 7-12-0 902 P/3L/35- CHEF RAGER (238) N Teison-Derien 7-11-8 . 903 FEEU- SCOTONS (289) R C Subran 10-0-13 . 904 / IPPU- TAPAGEZIN (1886) M Figs 11-10-13 . 905 4L/244- SHAMARPHE. (198) (C) R Amer 10-10-11 . 906 (1/22)3- ROCKY PAINE (674) G Skiding 10-10-10 . 907 (2024- STEEPLE JACK (281) K Bestop 9-10-3 . TOP FORM TIPS: Bond Jar 8, Chief Ranger 7

Rettlings 6-2 Bond Jrr. 3-1 Colof Regor, 7-2 Tapagour, 7-1 Shemerph-I, 8-1 Rocky Park, 10-1 Scoton 7 research

misleading the committee at an earlier hearing. The jockey, who will be number one to Henry Cecil, the Newmarket trainer, next season, made an appearance before the committee on July 18 at which he was fined £500 for riding whilst having a red entry in his medical book, requiring him to rases the large (2011) Fig. 18 parts (2011) Fig. 18 part	1	an earlier hearing. The jockey, who will be number one to Henry Cecil, the Newmarket trainer, next season, made an appearance before the committee on July 18 at which he was fined £500 for riding whilst having a red entry in his medical book.	for five days for making insuf- ficient effort to attend the hearing, initially scheduled for July 10, at which the origi- nal offence was set to be considered. Th Disciplinary Committee will make a decision as to whether, at the hearing of July 18, Fallon deliberately misled the committee with his evidence, contrary to	1 113 LEJERATE SMOOTHEE (47) (RF) M Pipe 4-12-0 & Brasiley 2 0 ARCITIC CHARITER (181) B Milmon 4-11-4 D Salber (5) 3 5 CAPTAIN FRILIX (53) A Durn 6-11-4 D Salber (5) 4 DEFENDITIEREALM R Frost 5-11-4 But A Milmon 4-11-6 D J Kavenagh (6) 5 DURGE CARTLE R Frost 5-11-4 But A Milmon (7) 6 PEDOLER'S LEAP Mees H Kinght 4-11-4 Mr A Windle (7) 7 FRANKE MUCEN Truster-Davide 4-11-4 Mr A Windle (7) 8 3 NYDRY COASTER (200) B de Haon 5-11-4 J Outourne 9 P- KORD CLERGE (200) P HYDRY 5-11-4 J Magne (3) 10 LORD FOLEY C Mees A -11-4 J Magne (3) 11 LURKY CALL A Hobbe 5-11-4 J Magne (3) 11 LURKY CALL A Hobbe 5-11-4 R Demenouty 12 MEDAE K Barle 5-11-4 R Demenouty 13 OU-MIRCAY SERLION J South 6-11-4 Mr M McGrath (7) 14 MEDRAY'S BRILLON J South 6-11-4 Mr M McGrath (7) 15 LAIN TON IN TRUSCH-Cartles 4-11-4 Mr Magne (7) 16 SALME (224) Mrs A Henderon 6-11-4 Mr Magne (7) 17 Bettings 5-2 Utimate Smooths, 4-1 France Mrs 4-11-4 Mr McGrath (7) 18 Destings 5-2 Utimate Smooths, 4-1 France Mrs 4-11-4 Mr McGrath (7) 18 Destings 5-2 Utimate Smooths, 4-1 France Mrs 4-11-4 Mr McGrath (7) 18 Talm Ton IN Trusch-Cartles 4-11-4 Mr McGrath (7) 19 Destings 5-2 Utimate Smooths, 4-1 France Mrs 4-11-4 Mrs 4
--	---	--	--	--

Ferguson still king of the castle despite the news at ten

Richard Williams discovers that after a decade at the top the Manchester United manager is continuing to fight fire with fire

versary of his arrival at Manchester United today, secure in the know that his achievements already place him alongside the greatest post-war managerial figures of English foot-ball: Nicholson, Shankly, Re-vie, Clough, Paisley and his own immortal predecessor. Matt Busby. So posterity has been taken care of. Next week

is another matter. Ferguson is United's seventh post-war manager. His team are the Premiership champions and holders of the FA Cup. representing a unique second Double to follow that of 1983-91, and the championship of the preced-ing season which broke the 26year spell hanging over all Busby's successors. United lie sixth in the table, which is not such a bad place to be in November, and are likely to qualify for the lucrative knock-out hases of the European Cup. in terms of commercial prosperity they stand among the half-dozen greatest clubs in

Yet uneasy lies the head that wears this particular crown, and aside from his immediate difficulties, caused by a run of spectacularly poor results, Ferguson remains sensitive to the resentment fed in jealous breasts by his club's success. Last week he spoke of listening to the radio while driving to United's training ground on the morning after the recent 6-3 defeat at Southampton, and of hear ing a pair of announcers taking a noisy delight in the club's latest humiliation.

He remembered the exact time: 7.17am. "Is this the message the BBC is sending out," he mused, 'that it's all right to hate Manchester United? Maybe it's a social thing. There's more hatred in people than in previous generations. We must be a threat to the nation, with me as Public Enemy No. 1.

He is in no doubt, however about the need to fight fire with fire. One of his clearest ager involves watching a group of Liverpool fans asking two of his young players, Lee Sharpe and Ryan Giggs for their autographs outside the entrance at Anfield, and then contemptuously tearing the paper into shreds in front of the players' eyes. "I told the lads never to forget that incident," he said.

Until two and a half weeks ago his historic feats would have made this a day of un-

meet Georgia in Tbilist on Saturday in their third World

Cup qualitier. Alan Shearer,

his original choice, is recov-

ering from a groin operation.

The usual suspects have been rounded up. Paul Ince is

favoured by some, David Platt by others. The Gareth South-

gate lobby is active and there

are those who continue to

LEX FERGUSON cele-brates the 10th anni-versary of his arrival Shanghai and which he had done much to consolidate. Yet Ferguson's deserved celebra-tions will take place in the shadow of a sequence of defeats casting a greater gloom on his tenure than at any time since the winter of 1989-90, when chants of "Fer-

guson out!" were briefly heard at Old Trafford. In the past 18 days his players have lost 5-0 to Newcastle United and 6-3 to Southampton, surrendered a proud record of European invincibil-ity at Old Trafford to Fenerbahce, and seen the end of a 35-match unbeaten Premiership home run to Chelsea. A League Cup win over Swindon Town, with a team

brought no meaningful relief. Self-evidently, such results mean that the team have been playing badly. But the man-ner of their poor perfor-mances — callow in defence. disjointed in midfield, lack lustre in attack — is clearly posing Ferguson a set of ques tions that go far beyond the simple need for a win to put an end to the sequence.

Such a string of defeats inevitably initiates a muttered chorus of resentment at the team's failure to reproduce the fast, vivid football with which they had become

Fergie's decade

1987-88 2 1988-89 11 1989-90 13 FA Cup 1990-91 6 Charley Sh

1991-92 2 League Cup.

1993-94 1 FA Cup.

1996-97: - Charity Shield



associated. Why had Ferguson parted with Mark Hughes, who performed so valiantly for Chelsea last Saturday? Why had he failed to sign Alan Shearer, who banged in a couple for Newcastle the previous week, and Matthew Le Tissier, who helped orchestrate Southamphelped orchestrate Southamp-ton's triumph? Why was he baving no luck persuading Barcelona to sell the centre-back Miguel Angel Nadal, whose experience could fill

whose experience could in the gap left by Steve Bruce? Suddenly Ferguson's recent modest purchases — Jordi Cruyff, Ole Solskjaer, Ronny en, Karel Poborsky looked like the products of false economy. In the case of cruyff. Ferguson was acquiring a reject from a club who had just bought Ronaldo, the most sought-after young forward in the world. Why had United, with their stock-market valuation of getting on for half a billion pounds. half a billion pounds, not been in the market for the Brazilian if they were serious about competing with the likes of Barcelona and Juventus?

Yet such periods of turbu-lence inevitably come upon a long-serving manager, and Ferguson's record since join-ing United on November 6 1986 certainly supports the be-lief that he will steer the team back into clear air. He has learning hard lessons about European football, and few managers have been forced to confront the moral dilemma he faced in 1996. when Eric Cantona, his great

est star, assaulted a spectator.

The long perspective suggests that his transfer record s as good as anyone's. For his first match, a 2-0 defeat at Oxford United, he sent out an inherited team: Turner in goal, Duxbury, Moran, Hogg and Albiston in defence, Blackmore, McGrath, Moses and Barnes in midfleld, Stapleton and Davenport in attack. Over the next five years he sold 26 players for £4.5 million and bought 21 for £15.9 million. Among the key arrivals in that period were Brian McClair, Mark Hughes, Steve Bruce, Paul Ince. Denis Irwin, Gary Pallister, Peter Schmeichel and Andrei Kanchelskis, each a vital component of the first Double team.

Just as significantly, he revived a Busby tradition by overhauling the atrophied youth scheme, beginning be worth a basic £250,000 a Giggs from under Manchester City's noses and going on to club for the next 10 years." At 54, and a few months about retirement."

Interest stops. So 1 (about retirement."

Even in the day

minutes against the Poles.

However, two factors may deny Adams the captain's

armband: Hoddle's prefer-

ence, embodied in his choice

of Shearer, for a less demon-strative style of leadership,

and Adams's confession to an

The England coach has

gone out on a limb by keeping Paul Gascoigne, who has ad-mitted beating his wife, in the

squad. He may feel that

returning the armband to a member of Alcoholics Anony-

mous would be trying the public's patience too far.

AVON INBURANCE COMMINATION First Divisions C Palaco 2, Bristol C 1 REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Uniber

Pearce was England's best

addiction to alcohol.



with the snatch of the boy year, he is not interested in discussing retirement. "Retirement at 65 should be nurture the Neville brothers, against the law," he said. His David Beckham and others.

"There's a lot of talk about the last 10 years," he said last week, "but the work that's been done has prepared the shouldn't retire. The mechanism of the reasons why you shouldn't retire. The mechanism of the reasons why you shouldn't retire. The mechanism of the reasons why you shouldn't retire. The mechanism of the reasons why you shouldn't retire. nism stops. So I don't think Even in the dark days of

Five in the running for England's one-off armband

David Lacey joins another game of 'guess the defensive stability badly better booking and he will in England in the 1998 World

shipyard shop steward never enough to sack me," he said.
Famous for his dressing-

miss the match against Italy

Captaincy can bring a

greater sense of responsi-

bility and that might win Ince the vote now. Hoddle is prov-ing himself a useful psycholo-

gist. Don Revie never regret-ted making the flery Billy Bremner his captain at Leeds. In any case Ince, like Ad-

ams, Pearce and Platt, has led England before. Three years

ago Graham Taylor made him

captain against the United

States and Brazil when Platt

was unfit for one game and started the other on the bench.

at Wembley in February.

fles. Bobby Robson made Ray

Wilkins captain but Bryan Robson, when fit, held the po-

Gary Lineker was Taylor's choice, Platt regained the captaincy under Venables but Adams was given the role in Euro 96, when it mattered most. On the field, for a diffi-

cult match, Adams would be a

England have again lost

Dominic Matteo with a recur-

rence of the knee injury that

kept him out of the Poland match. The players fly to Toi-

personal choice now.

sition regularly thereafter.

He had tried it once, and it felt in jeopardy. "I didn't cost him dear. "It was near think there was anyone daft the end of the 1991-92 season," he said, revealing a layer of superstitious dread. room rages, yet unbending in "We were facing four games his refusal to criticise his in six days, so I decided to players in public, he is never-theless aware of the impor-restaurant. We blew the title. contract which is believed to | 1990, when some thought that | tance of maintaining a pater- | And I've never done it again."

Atkinson kicked upstairs

ON ATKINSON ended 25 years in management yesterday in typical fash a joke, then a champagne party with Coventry players at a secret destination.
Atkinson has been moved

upstairs at Highfield Road to become director of football, leaving his No. 2 Gordon Strachan to take over as manager. The move had been planned for the end of the season but

was brought forward because the team lie third-bottom of the Premiership despite Atkinson's £18 million outlay on players during his 19-month reign. The question is whether he

jumped or was pushed at last Friday's board meeting. The chairman Bryan Richardson said: "He was not sacked. He approached me at the end of last week to discuss the idea of Gordon taking over. All we've done is bring forward exactly what we said before."

But it is understood that others on the board forced the change, fearing Coventry might be relegated.

Either way. Atkinson had planned to make a public an-nouncement yesterday, pre-saging a smooth transition. But a story in the Daily Mir-ror saying he had been sacked pre-empted that and angered him. "It was leaked by a mem-ber of the board," he said. "I shan't name the person, but put it this way. I shall be voting Tory at the next election. He has let down the club and the chairman.

This is understood to refer to the millionaire Geoffrey Robinson, a Labour MP and board member whose financial input enabled Coventry to buy Gary McAllister for a

club-record 😂 million. One theory voiced yester-day was that Robinson, worried at the cost of Coventry losing their Premiership status, demanded the change. Atkinson's supporters on the board then had to weigh their | cided to stay."

opposition to the idea against the possibility of losing Rob-inson's patronage. And to make sure that a Coventry win at Everton on Monday night did not provide fresh ammunition for those who wanted Atkinson to stay, the

story was leaked. Whatever the truth, this appears to be a career end for one of the most flamboyant managers of his generation. The 57-year-old was known for his permanent tan, gold bracelets, dark glasses and trenchouat, and at the beginning for his managerial

He won successive promo tions at Cambridge, im-pressed at West Bromwich, and won the FA Cup, though never the league, with Manchester United. He then won promotion and the League Cup with Sheffield Wednesday. But his touch recenty de-

serted him. Despite winning the League Cup with Aston Villa in 1994 he was sacked because of the team's poor league form and at Coventry he has presided over only 14 wins in 68 league games.

Yesterday his successor Strachan paid fulsome trib-ute. "Ron has been a one-off," he said, "the last of the great character managers who can run a club on their personality and knowledge. His like will not be seen again.

been entertaining and attractive and you can't arrive against his philosophy be-cause down the years he's had t lot of success.

"He is the most misunderstood man in football. The Flash Harry tag is given him by people who simply don't know him. Away from the public gaze, all he wants to do is talk about football. That is what makes him happy and then he is at his most relaxed and entertaining.

Atkinson insists he will stay at Coventry. "After it was leaked, I thought about quitting but I've spoken to the chairman and Gordon and de-

Coca-Cola Cup, third round replay Oxford United 2, Port Vale 0

Jemson's joy

XFORD UNITED lined up the possibility of a lucrative tie at home to Southampton — who play at Lincoln City in a replay next Vale 2-0 last night at the Man-or Ground. Two first-half goals by Nigel Jemson proved too much for the makeshift visiting side. Port Vale, attempting to

reach the fourth round for the first time, suffered a setback 15 minutes before the kick-off when their former Newcastle United winger Steve Guppy injured his back in the warm up. His place was taken by Wayne Corden, his first start of the season.

They suffered a further blow in the 12th minute when Oxford took the lead with Jemson's 10th goal of the sea son. Griffiths tripped Ford and Jemson's free-kick de-flected past the wrong-footed Musselwhite off the defensive wall. It was Oxford's first goal in

their third meeting with Port Vale this season, having lost 2-0 at Vale Park in the league in August and drawn 0-0 Port Vale had lost only

twice away from home this season but in the first half they must have suspected

good fortune was at an end. In the 21st minute Naylor-was taken off on a stretcher for a few minutes after a clash with Whitebead. Oxford scored their second in the 38th minute. Angel crossed from the left and Jemson rose at the far post to nod

fourth goal in three games. Oxford, who won the old Milk Cup 10 years ago when they best QPR 3-0, had little trouble holding on to their advantage. The side who had lost only once at home in the First Division this season were composed in defence in the opening 45 minutes, al-though Mills might have given Port Vale an early lead

)

Mari to man

past the poorly protected Musselwhite. It was Jemson's

irom Corden's cross.
Port Vale had chances at the start of the second half, most notably when Mills headed just over from McCarthy's cross after 58 minutes and when, on the hour, Naylor's sliced shot let in Mills.
But Oxford continued to

create the more clear-cut chances and Aldridge might have made more of Jemson's perfect headed pass.

Oxford United: Whitehead: Robinson, Elliott. Purse. Ford, Basuchamp (Messey, 30min), Gray, Smith. Angel. Aidridge (Push, 80). Jemson. Port Vale: Musselwhite: Hill, Griffins. Glover, Tankard, McCarthy, Walker. Porter. Corden (Faibot, 68), Millis (Foyle, 58). Naylor Referees J Kiriby (Sheffield).

Results

Stuart Pearce.

Soccer COCA-COLA CUP Third-round replay Oxford Utd (...) 2

0891 33 77+

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

Third Division

Team talk The independent news and reports service

the national captain' in Shearer's absence

LENN HODDLE will lead England out amid the in-timidating atmosphere of a captain when England packed Borls Pakhaidze Sta-

Arsenal loswich Town 19 Sheffield United 15 Aston Villa Leeds United 03 Sheffield Wed. 14 Leicester City 35 Southhampton 20 Blackburn Stoke City 30 02 Sunderland 27 Srenttord Tottenham Hot. 07 Man. United 01 Bumley 12 Middlesbrough 23 West Ham Chelsea 29 26

CALLS 1007 500 FTH WIN MCH-FOL BANK-6PM WID 450 PER WIN AT ALL OTHER THIES. SUPPLIED BY MILL 15 MAPS LANE, LEEDS LS1 BUB. RELPLINE: 0171 713 4473

18

13

Norwich City

Nottm. Forest

Coventry City

Hudd, Town

Eventon

The Guardian CINTERACTIVE

Celtic

Rangers

wear by, rather than at, turning Pearce. The most logical person to Gary Pallister, will surely be

dium would seem to be Tony Adams. Terry Venables's in-

spirational captain in the European Championship.

further operation on the trou-

him out of Arsenal's defence

since mid-January, was un-

available for the games

League 0, FA 11 2. LEAGUE OF WALES: Barry Tri 4, Briton Ferry 0, Uansantfraid 2, Wolanpool 0, DUTCH LEAGUE: Sparts Rotterdam 1, AZ

Rugby Union TOUR MATCHES Oxford Univ 27. West-ern Samos 58; Scottish Dist Select 9. Aus-ralia 25. CLUB MATCH: Gloucester 32, Combined

SUPER TOUR (Taipel): First round: 67 Lin Keng-chi (Tai): Park Nam-sin (5 Kori, Ernie Els (SA) 68 C Montgomarie (Scot): Wocsnam (Wajeo). 71 F Casas (Phill). 78 V Singh (Fill). 78 C Plasnot (Thall). (Eight main feld only. second, third and fourth rounds to be played in Seoul. Manila and Banolock).

Bangkok). WOMEN WORLD RANKINGS: 1, L WOMEN WORLD RANKINGS: 1, L Davies (68) 476.5298: 2, A Sorenstam (Swe) 356.17; 3 L Neumann (Swe) 258.30; 4, K Webb (Aus) 258.82; 5, D Pepper (US) 269.0. 6, M McGann (US) 211.21, 7, K Robbins (US) 299.24; 8, M Mallon (US) 204.59; 9, J Geddes (US) 163.88; 10, H Al-redson (Swe) 163.00 Other QEe 12, T Johnson 143.25; 13, A Necholas 139.30; 19, L Hackney 119.62; 34, Marriev 36.74; 4, C L Hackney 119.48; 34, J Morley 83 (3); 44, C Pierce 67 30: 52, L Foliolough 60.58

Tennis

TERRITS

ATP KRISMEN CUP (Moscow). First resemb A O'lluden (US) bt A Corroba (Sp) 5-3, 6-2: N Resemble (Switz) bt J Burtlio (Sp) 7-8, 8-7. 6-4; J Courter (US) to J Sarchez (Sp) 6-4 6-3: R Schmikses (Nott) bt S Larcata (Can) 8-4. 6-4; P Citywel (Sp) bt S Larcata (Can) 8-4. 6-4; P Citywel (Sp) bt S Drager (Aus) 6-4. 5-4
ATP STOCKHOLM OPEM: First resemble R Rememberg (US) bt J Stark (US) 7-6. 6-4: \$ Stolle (Aus) bt J Bortman (Swe) 6-3. 4-6. 6-1. M Norman (Swe) bt G Schaller (Aut) 7-8. 6-1. P Frederiksess (Swe) bt G Resum (Fr) 6-4. 6-5. T Jekstesses (Swe) bt P Ptsartnus (North 6-2. 6-5. 6-4; A Resetsch (Fr) bt M Larston (Swe) 8-1, 6-4; N Kesti (Swe) bt S Echerg (Swe) 7-6. 6-4.

WOSEN'S CLASSIC (Oakland, Calif): First recede A Miller (US) bit K Studenihova (Skoval) 6-1, 6-1; E Lithovetawa (Run) bit A Suglyama (Japan) 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; III Wordel Warnsyer (US) bit E Mulgi(Sloven) 7-6, 6-2, L Wafe (US) bit C Rubin (US) 6-2, 7-6; K Pe (US) bit M Majeeva (But) 8-0, 6-2; B Schulth-Bicchethy (Noth) bit V Williams (US) 1-6, 6-4, 6-4,

candidate only if he were more sure of a place in Satur-

day's team; and that would

mean leaving out Gascoigne

or David Beckham. Southgate, on his own ad-

mission, is still learning how to defend for Aston Villa,

never mind England. Temper-amentally he looks even bet-ter suited than Shearer to the

captaincy but he needs more

That leaves Ince in the

frame. Despite being sent off

twice in less than a fortnight recently while playing for In-

ternazionale, he has also

matches at this level.

American Football NFL Oakland 21, Deriver 22. Basketball

ice Hockey MML: Los Angeles 4, Boston 4 (ot); Detroit 5, Hartiord 1: Tampa Bay 5, NY Ringrs 3; NY Islanders J. Philadelphia 3. **Motor Sport**

CATALLINVA RALLY (Spaint: Leading standings (Jiter sectored day of three); 1, P. Liam (II) Subaru Impreza 3hr Brills 193es; 2, C. McRee (GBI Suberu Impreza at Saec; 3, F. Lanx (Bell Toyota Cellea 1714 32; 4, B. Thry (Bell) Ford Excort Cosworth 46; 5, f. Matunen (Fin) Misubish Lancer 1, 12; 6, P. Bernardnu (Fr) Ford Excort at 2, 13; 7, K. Eriksson (Swel Subaru Impreza 2, 19, 8, O. Gomoz (Sp.) Renault Megahe 3,04; 2, R. Maddeira (For) Toyota Collea GT4 3,40; 10, A. Medeghini (II) Subaru Impreza 4,34.

Fixtures

Soccer

FA VASE: First-round replays: Would-some v Spatching Utd. Feltham v Stoffeld. GM VAUXHALL COMPENSION. Afternoon nam v Southport (7-4). UNERCOND LEAGUE: Promiser Official UNERCOND LEAGUE: Promiser Official MHEDORO LEAGUE: Promise Divisions
Knowsiey v Bamber Bridge: Windord Uld
v Collyyn Bay First Divisions Droyleden v
Conjeton Ta, Lincotn Uld v Farsky Calle
CHS CUPP, Second reased: Narrow Bor v
Ediold: Wallon & Hersham v Grays [7.45]:
Chet ham v Trents Valle

OR MARTENS CUP: First round, second log: Parehan Tn v Weymouth: Havant Tn v Newport low. St Leonards Stameroft v Hastings Tn. MW COUNTIES LEAGUE: Prog Division: Atherion Col v Saltord C; Chadderton v Cilheroe; Newcaste Tn v Tration; St Helens Tn v Darwen. Hoodits Trophys Physical Castleton.

If precedent is anything to list this morning.

reion BERATION BREWERY MORTHERN GUE First bivisions Consett v Ches LEAGUE: First bivisions Conset v Ches-ter Le Street Duniem C v Guisborough Th. NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Program Divisions Glasshoughton Wal-lary v M Existence HOGTHERN COUNTES EAST LEAGUE
Premier Divisions (Blasshoughton Weitars v N Ferrity Utd Premident's Cup
Second rounds Mality Mev Pertgate,
SCHEWFAX ORRECT LEAGUE Premier
Divisions Bridgort v Mangostied Utd. Les
Philips Cups Barnslapis Tn v Taunton Tn,
PORTINS LEAGUE Premier Division
(7.0), Botton v Stoke: Leeds v Notm Forset, Tranmers v Liverpool. Flest Division
(7.0): Aston Vitta v Middlesbrough; Notic
Co v Blackpool; Port Valle v West Brom:
Pression v Corberty, Second Divisions
Hull v Burnley (7.0); Stockport v Wrextham
(8.45); York v Roberham (7.0). Taird Divisions
table (7.0): Burny v Scunthorps; Chester v
Rochdele; Lincoln v Scarborough; Wigan v
Darkington

Derrington Avon Insurance Combination: Pest Divisions Bournemouth v Norwich (2.0); Brighton v Millwell (2.0); Brighton v Millwell (2.0); Brighton v Millwell (2.0); Brighton V Willwell (2.0); Ozhor V Oztenham (2.0); Oxford Und v Swindon; Southempton v Watton; Swansee v Pentamouth (2.0). LEAGUE OF WALES: Cernarion To V

Rugby Union

CLUS MATCHES: Cambridge Univ v French Barteruns (3.0).
ANGLO-WELSH (SUP: Poel 1A: Neath v Leicester (7.15): Penhydridd v Wastes (7.15). Poel 2A: Dunvant v Lib irish . Poel 1R: Harticiums v Lanelil. Baskethall

7-UP TROPHY: Crystal Palace v Birming-lam (8.0), Newcastle v Manchester EUROPEAN CUP: London v Verona (8.0).

Fifa may ban back-headers

FIFA, soccer's governing body, is considering changing the rule on backpasses to goalkeepers. Its referees committee wants the rule preventing back-passes to be extended to every part of the body, thus penalising players who head the ball

back to goalkeepers.
But any change of law would have to be made by the International Football Association Board, which will meet in Belfast on March 1.

Wales's World Cup hopes forced to pull out of Saturday's qualifier against Holyear-old Birmingham midis replaced in the squad by a new contract."

Marcus Browning of Bristol

The club's re-

and Nathan Blake, through injury, and Mark Hughes, who is suspended. Now Horne's injury may open the door for the recalled Vinnie Jones to return to midfield

Sinclair surprises Rangers by deciding to stay at Loftus Road TREVOR SINCLAIR has

surprised Queens Park Rangers by asking to come off the transfer list, writes Martin Thorpe. A combina-tion of money and promises has persuaded the £5 million-rated winger to stay at the First Division club despite his desire to play Premiership football. Sinclair said: "After long, frank and honest discus-

sions with the chief executive Clive Berlin over the weekend, where a number were dealt another injury of points were raised by blow yesterday when their captain Barry Horne was our discussions were debated at the board meeting on Monday night. I am now land in Eindhoven. The 34- delighted to say that I have withdrawn my transfer field player has withdrawn request and am in negotia-with a hamstring strain and tion with regard to signing

The club's recent flotahas already been deprived of the services of Ryan Giggs and Nathan Blake tion will provide enough signed to improve the team, but it is understood that he was also told that should QPR fail to achieve promo-tion he would eventually be

Tommy Taylor, who began his career with Ley-ton Orient, yesterday left Cambridge United to return to Brisbane Road as manager. He accepted a two-year contract after talks with the O's chairman Barry Hearn, who intends to bring new faces on to the board after the resignations of the former vice-chairman Derek Weinrabe and his fel-

low directors Harry Linney and Vince Marsh. Manchester City have of-fered Dinamo Dresden £250.000 for the Australian international goalkeeper

Mark Schwarzer. Manchester United's midfielder Nicky Butt has been named as England Under-21 captain for the European Championship qualifier in Georgia on Friday.

 Duncan Ferguson's chequered career took another downward turn yesterday when he was forced to withdraw from Scotland's squad for the World Cup qualifier against Sweden in Glasgow on Sunday, lan Ross adds. The striker suffered a calf injury in training last week.

Scottish Districts 9, Australians 25

The England coach surprised everyone with his choice of captain. Frank Keating found it a super shock

Very contrary, very Rowell

the more good choice too. Certainly it could not have happened to a more honest and decent bloke. Phil de Glanville will do a grand job and, more than likely, much more than that As a centre three-quarter, you admire his always sport-

ing competitiveness, the resplendence of his judgment of the as-and-when, and his selflessness. The once-school-boy face, all shining-fresh-bow could such a bonny Botticelli angel actually be a rug-ger bruiser? — bears testa-ment now to fraught and fevered battles won and lost.

revered battles won and lost.

This man works in hard and heavy midfield traffic. But the eyes have never lost their glint and sparkle, they have always purveyed good humours and content, and the said. "It you don't get on, the worst part is at the end; win or lose, you just feel like a spare part, an interloper."

But deep down he knew (and we knew) that he was only temporarily the knight's

Boxing

never more than yesterday.
On the face of it he has had
a long slog with his carpetbag, working his way up the
ranks. Twenty-three times an
England replacement, seemingly a Joe Soap sub warming
his burn on the bench — in ingly a Joe Soap sub warming his burn on the bench—in the splinter group, if you like, on the outside looking in—but in reality not so. There has always been more than a gleam of certitude of heirapparent about his demean-our on the bench

our on the bench. Last season de Glanville was picked on the bench for every match. More than any other, he got on, at least for a run. He had prepared dilgently for the chance. "If you're called and aren't rady you can look an didn't." ready. you can look an idiot," he said. "If you don't get on, the worst part is at the end; win or lose, you just feel like

squire, humping the kit and holding the tackle-bags, and that he was just serving his time till the white palfrey was saddled and the shining armour was fitted. For time was on his side; and so was Jack

The corny similes of chivalrous knights sit well on the Will-replacing Philip Ranulph de Glanville. England's very first de Glanville fought with the Norman William when he did for Harold. This scion toddled out of the heart of England, at Loughborough where he was born The family moved deep

west to Tavistock, where father and son were to play together for the town's Extra B XV. From Bryanston public school, Durham and Oxford universities, and so to Bath. There, once the estimable Halliday — always a closet Quin — had taken the hint and moved to London, de

the partnership can cut a dash for England. Guscott, of course, is an out-

and-out utter natural. De Glanville works tirelessly at his technique, but with the confidence that it is garlanding an inborn style and vision. His cannon's-mouth courage on the back foot goes without saying, and on the front he can certainly move front he can certainly move his 5ft 11in and 13-stone frame his 5ft 11in and 13-stone frame at a lick. At its sweetest it is more a ripple than a run, the hips on ball-bearings and the loose-limbed upper body and shoulders gliding and not argy-barging through the midfield thicket.

For de Glanville, glory be, revels in counterattack and — the two go gloriously together — he is a creative.

Quin — had taken the hint together — he is a creative, and moved to London, de imaginative and totally unGlanville's centre three-quar- selfish presenter of the goner. Yesterday's corny pub- final year with a raw team.

rehearsals and on the hoof. I fancy he will be less visceral and more cerebral as a leader than as a player. He will be less inscrutable, brown-studied and furrow-browed than Will but he will get under his players' skins and

make them play-up for him. And, because of Bath and boyhood, he will have far more fond affinity with Rowell, for Carling was al-ways Cooke's man, Yesterday ways Cooke's man. Yesterday Rowell, sporting his widest gummy grin, cleared the decks. With de Glanville ahoard, all of two years into Rowell's itsy-bitsy zig-zag stewardship, this was a fresh start, clean sheet, new horizons. Rowell has got his man; next stop, 1999 and a winnable World Chm



De Glanville . . . sparkle

lic-relations coronation cere mony at Twickenham surely signalled The End for Will. As an inside centre, Carling As an inside centre, carring plays the same part as the new captain: organising, feeding, setting up ploys. No place there now. He has tried fly-half. Know-alls say he could come back as a wing like the Wallaby Horan, but it will not henness. Carling has some for happen; Carling has gone for good and nothing so became

Scots find Dirk sharp with the ball as well

Gordon Lyle in Perth

Tour match

ricts XV managed to contain the much vaunted Australian driving maul at McDiarmid Park last night but still came off second best, going down 25-9 in mon-soon conditions.

Dirk Williams, the bearded blindside flanker, entered the blindside flanker, entered the world of sporting quiz questions when, 33 minutes into his Wallaby debut, he went over for the only try of the first half. In years to come quiz-masters may ask: Who came on tour with a rugby side as a physiotherapist/trainer and found himself playing?

playing?

If it was a noble effort by Williams, a former All Black triallist, to turn out at this level aged 35, his try could hardly have been more straightforward. Loitering

hardly have been more straightforward. Loitering with intent on the wing, he plucked a loose pass off the floor and sauntered in by the corner-flag.

Besides Williams the Wallabies drafted into their pack two other replacements flown over to join the tour: Tim Gavin and Owen Finnigan. But it was sloppy handling among the backs which prevented the tourists from doing justice to early territorial advantage. Indeed, when Gary Parker lined up a 35-metre penalty which put the Scots ahead after 23 minutes, it was the closest they had been to

the Australian posts.
Parker added another and BRAVE Scottish Districts XV managed to contain the much ated Australian driving at McDiarmid Park last thus still come off second. Steele was just wide with a time to revive the Wallabies who turned round 8-6 in front when Tim Wallace atoned for an earlier penalty miss.

Within minutes of the restart the Wallabies had all but sealed victory. Adam Ma-gro cut infield past two would-be tacklers to touch down and Joe Roff showed great imagination to aqua-plane in from 12 metres as the cover closed. Wallace con-verted both tries and exchanged penalties with Parker before Scottish Dis-tricts battled back in search

of a consolation try. But the only consolation for the crowd of 2,300 came when

WRU locked in pay disputes with Quinnell and referees

David Plummer

HE Welsh Rugby Union, having resolved its differences with Wales's First Division clubs, yesterday found itself under attack on

two more fronts. Its referees are threatening to strike in another row over money, and pay talks between Scott Quinnell's agent Mike Burton and the WRU have once more ground to a halt.

The Welsh Referees Society has served notice that its members will down appearance fees and bo-whistles next month unless nuses falls short of the the WRU accepts a pay union's original offer, £120,000 this season.

with England, where refer-ees receive £200 for controlling a League One match, touch-judges pocketing £100 each. Payments con-tinue on a sliding scale down to League Five.
The WRU initially made

an offer of £100 to the refer ees for controlling First Division matches but then withdrew it, saying there

was no money to spare.

Meanwhile, Burton said it was unlikely that Quinnell would play for Wales this season. The WRU's revised offer of £10,000 plus which could have been worth £56,000 to the back-The society wants parity | row forward over a season.

Tennis

Henman ends on cavalier note

Richard Jago in Moscow

ARD as Tim Henman which Henman was batstrove to finish his first break point.

ATP tour on a high note, it ended with a double feetle and until four games letter to the until four games letter. ended with a double fault and defeat. The British champion played better than in Stutt gart and Paris, but his 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 defeat by Zimbabwe's Byron Black in the first round of the Kremiin Cup conveyed a message similar to that of the past fortnight. A total of 27 tournaments, along with the Davis Cup and the Olympics, had been a bit too much for him.

Herman began as though he was heading for a flight home the same day. He served double faults to lose his opening two service games and there was a cavalier quality about his play, suggesting that intense commitment

might be beyond him.
Once when he thought he had unleashed a second-service ace only to see it called as another double fault, he walked to the umpire's chair, stood there for 10 seconds, shook his head and walked back again. Early in the incorrectly calling Black's drive out and halting a rally in which Henman was bat-

to slice more backhands to break up Black's dangerous double-handed groundstrokes. And the power of the Zimbabwean's service returns prompted Henman to strive for extra pace on his delivery, bringing not only the double faults (nine) but 21

Taking the second set seemed to improve his focus. He was prepared to play con-servatively sometimes and ignored a variety of distrac-tions until in the fifth game the noise from a short-tennis match behind a 50ft curtain prompted him to plant him-self in a chair and refuse to return serve.
"The quality of my perfor-

mance was good, even though I found it difficult to get into the match," he said, Indeed, it was a better performance than in the Seoul semi-final when an ailing Henman lost to Black in straight sets, but second set be sarcastically in next year's Davis Cup tie clapped a linesman who put his hands on his bead after mate Zimbabwe.

Hide seeks dollars and sense

Kevin Mitchell on a former champion's house of dreams

FEW fighters are as smart outside the ring as in it. Brian London. for instance. The first thing Britain's luckiest heavyweight did after he got his hands on some serious money early in his career was buy a big house in Bisckpool me-had big pay-days, too, to fill it with treasure, and 30 years after standing bewildered and bruised in front of Muham-mad Ali for three rounds one 1966, London (rarely parted from a quid without an argu-ment) still has the bouse, his marbles and no regrets.

Herbie Hide might have been the Brian London of the Nineties. He doesn't laugh much, has mixed briefly in the big time, and has his house. Almost.

What a house it will be when it is finished. Quite what Hide is going to do with nine bathrooms, eight bedrooms, five sitting rooms, a gym, a pool and a disco in his mansion outside Norwich only his closest friends could guess; but the building consti-tutes the centre of a universe full of disappointment and misunderstanding. "I wanted a real home," he says. "This is my stability."

In a career that promised much, fleetingly delivered and then fizzled to a painful semi-colon over six rounds he slipped miserably from the

Back on the box . . . Hide fights the American Frankle Swindell on the Naseem Hamed card in Manchester on Saturday Hide like London, peeded the comfort of bricks and mortar

to survive in not only a notoriously unstable trade but a world of doubts and personal Hide earned \$3 million for

being mugged by Bowe as he surrendered his World Box-ing Organisation title, a brave performance which was only weakly applauded, even back in Norwich. After the fight his low-key persons almost disintegrated

completely as the rival camp celebrated loudly around him in the gross MGM Grand and against Riddick Bowe in Les scene at the age of 23, a one-Vegas in March last year, time loser after 26 easy wins

in a row. He went to the Far I East for an extended holiday, occasionally telephoning the builders back in Norwich for a progress report on his

lordly pile.

In the dark months that followed, Hide told his promoter Barry Hearn that he was sick of boxing after nearly six years as a profes-sional. Frustrations grew on both sides.

Then in December Hide said: 'Til be in the ring next month. I'm still one of the world's top three heavy-weights. I'm the youngest, fastest in the ratings. There's no question I will be a world champion again."

January 1996 passed, fight-less. Later he was to have fought for Hearn against the Croatian Zeljko Mavrovic for the European title in Norwich but pulled out when he had to have an operation on his wis-dom teeth. A possible match against Alexander Zolkin for the vacant WBO title was announced. Another postponement followed. There was also a court case for a misdemeanour but Hide could not appear because he had malaria.

A pattern of moody truculence was developing. Hide and Hearn could not agree on his worth and the boxer switched camps, to Frank Warren. This was the man

with the connections now, the his liking probably, Hide promoter who could get him continues his comeback. This back to Vegas, possibly.

More problems followed. Hide was to fight the French champion Joel Heinrich in June. The bout was postponed until July, then cancelled. There was talk of challenging Scott Welch for the British scott weich for the British title. That has not material-ised. But he finally climbed through the ropes, heavy of limb — and spirit, perhaps — on July 6 to stop Michael Murray in six laboured rounds. The roller-coaster

rounds. The roller-coaster was moving again.

On Saturday night in Man-chester, a little too far down the Naseem Hamed card for

Swindell did not fight at all last year, having earlier lost in challenges for the International Boxing Federation light-heavyweight title of the WBO belt then owned by Michael Moorer. Perhaps Hide does differ from London in one respect.

London, whose humour did not stray far from the conventional, named his house "Be Lucky". Herbie has named his place "Herbaceous his place

time it is against the Ameri-

can Frankie Swindell, not a life-threatening assignment.

Motor Racing

Ferrari to make Schumacher the £80m man

Alan Henry

ation

ICHAEL Schumacher has signed an esti-mated £50 million extension to his contract with Ferrari for a further two years after next season. The twice world formula One champion will turn 30 in 1999, the year his total earnings at the famous but underachieving Italian team look set to His current salary of £16 mil-

lion on a two-year contract is expected to rise to around £30 million in 1999, perhaps more if he gives Ferrari their first drivers' world championship since Jody Scheckter in 1979.

His decision to enter such a long-term commitment is a huge vote of confidence in the many period championship and Jacques Villeneuve.

"I am very optimistic that the period championship the huge vote of confidence in the many period championship that is a long-term commitment after.

"I am very optimistic that the period championship the period championship the period championship the period championship that is a long-term commitment after the period championship that the period championship the period championship the period championship the period championship that the period championship the period championship that the period champ drivers' world championship since Jody Scheckter in 1979. His decision to enter such a long-term commitment is a huge vote of confidence in the

and Jacques Villeneuve.
"I am very optimistic that
we can win a world champihuge vote of connecte in the Maranello management after their three-year struggle to re-establish Ferrari as a consistent F1 front runner, a campaign initiated in the wake of their disastrous 1993 season with the hiring of the

Yamaha team, among others, will run on the Japanese tyres and initial testing has shown them to be competitive.

That has prompted Schumacher to cut short his post-macher to be considered as a contract for 1997 which includes an option for 1998. It is also expected that Ross Brawn, the Benetton technical director with whom Schumacher forged a close

season holiday; he is expected to start tyre-testing for Good-year at Estoril near Lisbon tomorrow. He had intended to have a couple of months off and do no testing until the 1997 F1 Ferrari's scheduled arrival just before Christmas. Ferrari confirmed that the

Schumacher forged a close working relationship in 1991-95, is about to join the Ferrari design staff. The Huntingdon-based Lola team will use Cosworth Ford V8 engines and have MasterCard International as

arrival just before Christmas. major sponsor when return-Ferrari confirmed that the ing to F1 next year after a German's team-mate Eddie Ir-

UNSECURED PERSONAL LOANS

Why pay more?

competitors' rates. Then see how much you could save with a Personal Loan from Hamilton Direct Bank.

14-9%APR

IF YOU ARE 24 OR OVER AND EARN £10,000 p.s. OR MORE, APPLY NOW ON FREEPHONE $0800\ 30\ 3000$

A LOAN OF 17,000 EXAMPLES APR: APR+ £185.16 £9,887.68 14.9% 12.9% [114.68 [5.504.64 [358.06]] 17.9% [1200.69 [19.633.12 15.9% £194.27 E9.324.9 16.8% £112.64 15,6% £193.46

Pares are correct as at \$1/10/96.



We have the money to hand.

Sports Guardian



Stepping out of the shadows . . . Phil de Glanville taking centre stage at Twickenham yesterday after his surprise appointment as captain of England

De Glanville takes the lead

Robert Armstrong on how the captain's at Twickenham yesterday. Rugby has been facing a lead England into the 1999 Clarke and Tim Rodber. Last "We've already changed quite season he captained Bath to a number of players and there job was passed from one centre to another

Glanville as Eng-land captain could bring a speedy resopute between the top clubs and the Rugby Football Union. The Bath centre wants his

HE surprise ap- soon as possible — which in pointment of Phil de | turn would force the players' employers, the clubs, to nego tlate a working agreement with Twickenham on a range

> swiftly as possible," de Glanville said within minutes of his appointment being announced

we need to sit down and hammer out a deal with Epruc (English Professional Rugby Union Clubs Ltd)."

De Glanville, who is 28 and has 16 caps, promised that under his leadership England of related matters. Would play a progressive 15 De Glaman game. Though his appointment is initially for one Oxford, season, England's coach Jack Rowell made it clear that,

the league and cup double, having made his reputation

"The man we appointed had to be good enough to hold his place as well as possessing leadership qualities. Phil has the ability to take England forward in a fiercely challenging

environment," Rowell said. De Glanville, who was educated at Bryanston and where he was awarded a Blue in 1989, was chosen from a strong field

> play Italy on November 23, which will be announced today, includes Will Carling or Jeremy Guscott as de Gian-ville's midfield partner. Conspiracy theorists will argue that promoting de Glanville makes it relatively simple for Rowell to get rid of Carling. Certainly Guscott, who has been in excellent form for Bath, would have reason to feel aggrieved if he were left Carling is likely to be in contention for a place in Eng-

as a creative centre in the early Nineties when Rowell

"I've been a member of the

England squad for four or five

years so it should be rela-

tively easy to work with the

Glanville, who was first

capped as a replacement

against South Africa in 1992. "Tve known Jack for a long

time and we can be straight

with each other. I expect a creative relationship to con-

tinue between the two of us."

It remains to be seen whether England's team to

was still Bath's coach.

"We've already changed quite a number of players and there are several younger men such as Greenstock and Greenwood coming through," Rowell said when asked about

Carling's future. No doubt Rowell will be accused of creating his own comfort zone by appointing a familiar personality in de inville: the Ba not embarrass Rowell or rock the boat, at least publicly. But he is nothing if not his own the credit for holding Bath's squad together when senior players were tempted to folow Clarke and leave the club

for big money elsewhere. whether de Glanville, a forceful three-quarter who is equally good in attack and deence, can transfer his concept of an expansive game from Bath to England without the influential assistance of his club coach Brian Ashton. The would be to appoint Ashton to the England coaching staff. But such a step really would be perceived as putting the Bath mafia in full control.

Detached Des puts it all into perspective



spoken: Des Lynam is the face of British television history. On Sunday night, during the mara-60th anniversary of the BBC, they were all there — Alan Whicker, Noel Edmonds, the Dimblebys, Ronnie Corbett too — hoping they might have to find shelf space back home for the ugly award that had been cast for the occasion.

But it was Des the British public voted for as the person ality of the television age. Caroline Hook, as Mrs Merton, lost all dignity as she presented him with his gong. Speaking, she said, for meno-pausal women everywhere, she leapt at him like an overexcited goalscorer as he ap-

peared up on the stage, wrap-ping har support-stocking-clad thighs round his hips and gazing balefully into his eyes. "Do that again," said Des when she had finished. Out of colitages pressumably politeness, presumably. As the enthusiastic ap-

plause from an audience of his peers suggested, Lynam was a deserving winner; the rest do not come close in the universality of their cathode-ray appeal. There is something about him beyond simply tick-ling the fantasies of the female over-fiftles, however, even though it was probably their votes which propelled him into Mrs Merton's martial

ity to remain unflappable in all circumstances which makes us mark him out as a legend; a quality demon-strated in the wonderful moment shown again during the celebratory show in which he retained his poise while over his shoulder, in the studio whose inner workings were exposed to emphasise the bustle that is live television sport, a fist-fight raged be-tween two technicians (scrap ping, you assume, over who got to type into the teleprinter the score East Fife 4, Forfar 5). And, though it is true he is beamed into British living rooms more frequently than anyone else, and that Rory Bremner's forensic decon-struction of his verbal tics has

made him an essential part of every bar-room impression-

ist's repertoire ("hey, stick

around, why don't you") the Lynam pre-eminence in the national consciousness is not solely to do with his ubiquity. It was the way he received his award which said every-thing about his place in our affection. He took it with a raised eyebrow, a sardonic purse of the lips, a smirk which acknowledged that, though the object was hideous, hey, he was bloody glad to have landed it. That's the thing about Des Lynam: he crystallises what we British like to think of as the ideal approach to sport. Be obsessed by it, desperately want to win, but at all times retain an ironic, detached air, a realisation that at heart the whole thing is faintly absurd. It is the *fin de siècle* realign-ment of the old Victorian ethos about it not being the winning but the taking part which is

important. Those who attended the latest Olympics in Atlanta were appalled by the American tels vision coverage. Driven by commercial interests, the broadcasts were rabidly jingo istic. turning what is supposed to be a festival of friendship into a circus of triumphalism. Oh for Des. everyone in temporary exile said, to present us

with a bit of perspective.
True enough. But one thing about Des: his is an attitude forged by circumstance. Just after he had his moment with Mrs Merton, a montage ran of highlights from 60 years of BBC sport. Scenes of heroic failure (a sinking Boat Race crew, Nigel Mansell's tyre exploding, Frank Bruno rocking Mike Tyson a couple of min-utes before being splattered all over the canvas) mingled with Brit triumphs from the shallow end of the international sporting pool (Torvill and Dean, some rowing, the men's bockey team a couple of Olympics ago beating Germany).

ing that sort of mate-rial and psychological survival depends on the discovery of a sense of proportion. Become too engaged by the perpetual cycle of fail-ure at football, rugby, cricket, athletics and tennis he presides over on television and Des would have cracked long ago, developing into a gibber ing wreck of thwarted patriotism, another Fred Trueman. And if all he had to present was a procession of victory, there would have been no need to display those quirks of character which have gained him a place in all our affections; if we won occasionally, we wouldn't need his arched eyebrow to remind us it is only a game. It is an odd calling, our safety valve against internationa sporting decline, but Des Lynam has made it his own



He's survived the massacres. Now help him survive the ceasefire

Monday's ceasefire in eastern Zaire will allow hundreds of thousands of refugees to be repatriated into Rwanda. Such a massive influx of weak and sick will stretch local resources to crisis point. In preparation for the mass return (many will do the journey on foot). Medecins Sans Frontieres has opened way-stations along the main routes from Zaire. These clinics provide medical care, emergency feeding. water and sanitation. We are also gearing up for the inevitable outbreak of cholera in Zaire. We are flying in medical supplies, as the most severe cases of the resulting dehydration will need about 25 litres of IV fluids. This costs 85p per litre. So please give what you can so we can save lives. Life is a human right.

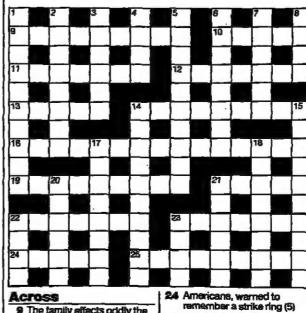
to the octoorn o.
it you want 8-p in every £1 to go viralght out to the field, call the credit eard bottone on 0800 200 201 or post the coupon
enclore a cheque/postal order (payable to Medecius Sant Prontieres UE)
iar. Cr. Cr. Cr. Cr. Cr. Cr. Cr. Cr. Cr. C
fack this box if you would lake a receipt
authorise the Charlein Aid Foundation, ret: 4000-05 acting on behalf of M.S.F to debts only
lina Martecard/Charmy Card/Amen/Switch
zatse IIII IIII IIII IIII
SignatureSignature
Mr. Mont Mank Ma
NATE
roscode Telephone

Women who have suffered domestic violence assume that Hoddle is cynically ignoring the fact that a man is a wife-beater because he might be a sporting world-beater. In fact, it is more likely that the coach has set himself to save Gazza's soul.

Mark Lawson

Guardian Crossword No 20,803

Set by Plodge



9 The family effects oddly the Spanish, Moorish . . . (9)

10 ... and German, following Jerry on the beat (5) 11,12 Will a mad queen ruin a form of William's novel? (7,3,1,3)

13 An Italian/Irish assembly overturned the Greek account (5) 14 Terribly upset, one 10 is

more than enough (9) 16 Singularly very greasy paiming of rupee and Arab coin (15) 19 European girl's ignorance is compounded outside the

church (9) 21 The official papers knock heroin (5)

22 A bishop made a short-length ski-run, repeated in William's novel (7)

25 About corrupt Scotsman taking in a namer of names Down

1 To find William's novel (it's not here), I've joined the Royal Society (3,7) 2 The defeated side quit in

turmoti (8) 3 Wested time, lacking initial decision to be wed (6)

4 It's fate, having a rising temper (4) 5 As an opponent, it's up to father to get the stinker! (10) 6 Undisciplined soldiers toe-

tap to a bit of light music (6) Commission a semi-quaver by Django? Not half! (6) 8 In a state, Rosalind lost her head in the forest (4)

14 Misnomers for soft fruit? (10)

15 Ready to show improve-ment, nothing less? Ready when you are! (3,3,4)

18 One m-moment overdue to kill the fatted calf (8) 20 A balloon for a chatterbox

21 British Standards cover water butts on the head (6) 22 Flying fighters' ace, raised

60 th^{g. / 4}c

23 Cash originally paid for the reservoir (4)

Stuck? Then call our solutions line on 0891 338 238. Cells cost 50p per minute Mon-Fri, Bern-Spm, and 45p per minute at all other times. Service supplied by ATS